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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom; to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it; to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

Parliament reassembled on Tuesday, and the Government at once submitted two motions, the first empowering them to take all the time of the House during the remainder of the Session, the second guillotining discussion on the Insurance Bill, so as to force the measure through before Christmas. The first

was carried on Tuesday. The second was still being discussed when we went to press on Wednesday.

The Insurance Bill.

The Insurance Bill, the remaining clauses of which it is thus proposed to rush through Parliament without adequate discussion, only a single day being allotted to clauses 34 and 35 which deal with women, is a measure fundamentally unjust to the women of the country. We have on many occasions analysed its provisions in VOTES FOR WOMEN, and in this week's issue we print a special article by Mr. Pethick Lawrence, in which he makes five main points against the Bill. Mr. Lloyd George has promised certain slight concessions to women, but these will not, and cannot, make it either adequate or fair. The Bill cannot be amended so as to remedy the flagrant omission from insurance of eight millions of working-class women who are giving their lives to the care of their children and their homes; it cannot be amended so as to restore the provisions originally contained in the agreement between Mr. Lloyd George and the friendly societies, whereby widows were to receive an allowance of 5s. a week so long as their children were of tender years. The only possibility of securing fair treatment for women is for the Bill to be withdrawn and redrafted after they have won the Parliamentary vote.

Irishwomen and the Home Rule Bill.

Last week we were able to make the important announcement that the Irish Women's Franchise League had carried a resolution claiming that Irishwomen

should be included in the provisions of the Home Rule Bill. Our readers will be glad to know that this demand has already received wide support from Nationalists and Unionists in Ireland. At a meeting in the Mansion House in Dublin last week Prof. Kettle, one of the leading supporters of Home Rule, expressed his entire concurrence with the proposition, and added that unless the Home Rule Bill included a clause giving votes to women, he, speaking as a Nationalist and a politician, would not be able to regard such a Bill as a real measure of self-government for Ireland. Miss Christabel Pankhurst, who, at the invitation of the Irish Women's Franchise League, addressed the meeting, conveyed to the League the intention of the W.S.P.U. to support, by every means in their power, the claim of their Irish sisters. At a meeting held in Galway Mrs. Earl presided, and Mrs. Cousins outlined the proposals of the League, and a speech was delivered by Miss Pankhurst, and received with great enthusiasm.

The Victory in California.

The American papers are to hand giving further particulars of the great Suffrage victory in California. It appears that San Francisco gave a majority of 18,000 against the women, and this was increased by the votes of most of the populous centres, but Los Angeles gave a majority of 5,000 in their favour, and the farmers supported them so handsomely that the adverse majority was wiped out and a victory by several thousands was secured. The *New York Times* attributes the hostile vote in the cities to the liquor interest, saying that "where the saloon influence was weak the Suffrage vote was large; where the saloon was powerful, Suffrage was beaten." We understand that the next State to take a referendum will be Kansas, a resolution

having passed both Houses of the State Legislature last February calling for a popular vote on the Suffrage amendment. Women have already school suffrage, municipal suffrage, and "bond suffrage" in that State. Oregon (where the vote is being taken next year), Nevada, and indeed all the Western States, will, it is hoped, soon follow the example of California.

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THE ATTEMPT TO DEPRIVE WOMEN OF A MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD.

Pit-Brow Women State Their Own Case and Pass a Resolution Demanding the Suffrage.

An unusual sight was to be seen in the Co-operative Hall, Wigan, on Wednesday, October 18, when twenty-one pit-brow women being representatives selected from each mine, sat on the platform, and one by one stated their case against the proposal to close the occupation to women by law. Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P. (Lancashire S.W.), presided over the meeting, which had been organised by Miss Annie Kenney, and among the other speakers was Mr. R. J. N. Neville, M.P. for Wigan. Among those on the platform were Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Archerfield. The Mayor and Mayoress of Wigan, who have worked so actively on behalf of the women, were unavoidably absent.

Over the platform were mottoes which read, "We claim the right to sell our labour, even as our brothers," "Working women need the vote in order to protect themselves in the industrial world," and "Sign the petition." The following telegram was read from Mr. Harry Twiss, ex-Labour M.P. for Wigan, who was at Buxton in ill-health: "Sorry cannot be with you. Best wishes for successful meeting and early victory."

Speech by Mr. Walsh.

"My heart is entirely with the women in the struggle they are making for themselves to preserve the means of making an honest livelihood," said Mr. Walsh, in opening the meeting. Members of all parties and of none were joining hands to do their best to preserve the right of women to earn a livelihood in an honorable and open manner.

bring all parties together. (Hear, hear.) On the meanest possible pretences, without one shadowy piece of evidence, those who wished to deprive what he looked upon as the flower of his constituency of their honest labour desired to do it by slandering them with calumny, which in the minds of unprejudiced and careful people naturally raised the saying that that particular industry was one which had around it the shroud of immorality. He had not patience with such an argument as that. If it was an improper employment for women, let them have the evidence upon which that calumny was based. Many of those girls, as they knew, had come out of cotton and other mills, where their health had been prejudiced, to that particular industry, which, although calling for hard work with little pay enough, was still an industry which, so far as the physical being went, made for the grand health of those engaged in it. (Applause.)

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A number of pit-brow lassies then, one after another, spoke amid the enthusiastic applause of the audience, who frequently interposed with witty remarks.

Mrs. Isabella Loyland, of Hindley, said she had worked on the pit brow for nearly thirty years, and she had never missed a day. She had never been ill in her life either, and she felt she could work another thirty years if they would let her keep on. "I think I look healthy and strong enough," she added, "and I think I feel it. I have a girl that used to work in the mill, but she was oftener

it is known that a lady is known by her behaviour and kindness, and it is always given in England for beauty, and to Ireland for wit. (Laughter.) Well, let all of them try to stop us, and that man that does his best, the Lord will do his best for him, and He will clap him in a place where the coal is for nothing a ton." (Great laughter.)

Mrs. Ellen Mercer, of Aspull, said she had never seen decenter folks than pit-brow women. Mrs. Margaret Mann gave similar testimony.

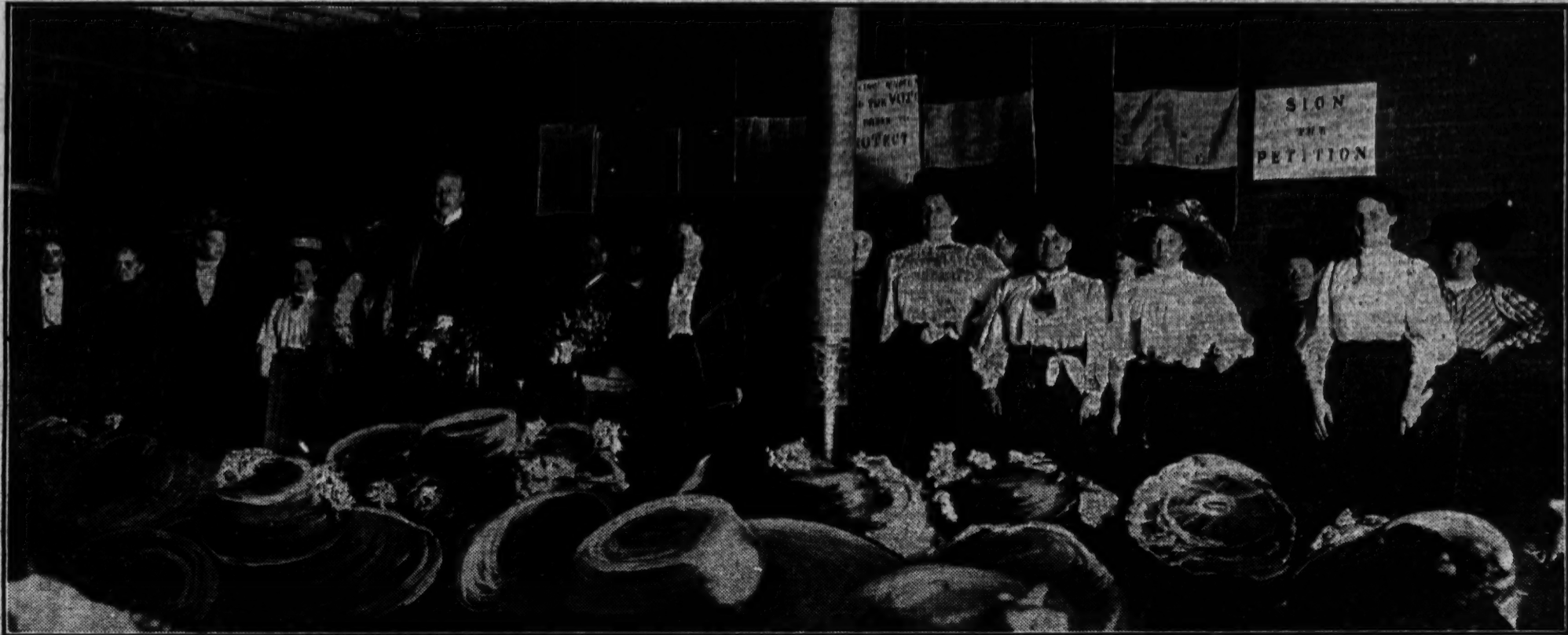
Mrs. Ann Close, of Lower Ground, said that she had worked at the pit brow for five-and-twenty years. As for cleanliness, those who were speaking about it ought to come and look at their homes and their work—it was nothing but dirt that would wash off! Miss Mary Carrington, of Crooke, said the people who were trying to stop them didn't know what they were talking about. Mrs. Ball, West Leigh, said: "If they were fixed like I am they would want some work to do if they had two children at home and a husband that had never worked for three years. If all their wives were as clean and as decent as we are they would do." Miss Mather, of Wigan, said she wondered what Sir Arthur Markham would do with a widowed mother and 1s. 10d. a day. She would like to change places with him for about a week, and see how he would manage! Miss Kite, of Platt Bridge, said those who wanted to stop this work ought to keep the women or put them in better employment if the pit bank was not good enough. Miss Jolly, of Hindley, said she had worked on

Mrs. Nancy Disley said, if pit-brow work was stopped it was a matter of "going to suicide" or on the streets for many, unless Parliament was willing to keep them. "As for Sir Arthur Markham, I thought I should get a chance to see him, and I have been promised I should, and I would rather have a chat with him than all the lot of you here to-night." (A Voice: "Ah think tha'd tell him a tale or two," and another: "He'd have to get a new suit," and laughter.)

Miss Nellie Rigby had always found it a very healthy occupation. Let them as pit-brow girls be up and doing and protest with all their might against this wrong.

Miss Alice Bailey said: "I think we are as decent as the women in the factory, who have to work with their breasts bare and their feet bare."

Miss Annie Kenney then told the meeting how she began life in the cotton mill as soon as she reached the age of ten. At thirteen she became a full timer in the card room, and then her education came to an end, like the education of all who belonged to the working classes. She stayed in the cotton factory until about five years ago, when she began to take an active interest in women's work and life. The work of the pit-brow girls was not so responsible, neither was it so hard, as the work in the card rooms of Lancashire and Yorkshire. The women on the pit brow were much stronger than the women in the cotton factory. Mr. Harvey, at the Miners' Conference at Southport, said that the place for the miner's daughter



[Photo: Underwood.]

Mr. Walsh proceeded to point out that those who opposed the work of the pit-brow women in the House of Commons and outside were those who were entirely ignorant of the conditions under which the women worked. His friend, Mr. Robert Smillie, president of the Scottish Miners' Federation, had said that he had a good deal of knowledge of this work, and that he knew many of them were working under conditions which caused them to be torn and twisted at their work and unfit to become the mothers of future generations. He (Mr. Walsh) had lived in Lancashire all his life, and had known the pits intimately for thirty-seven years. He had conversed with doctors and with the women themselves, and had a knowledge of the accidents that took place, and, he continued, "there are men on this platform to-night, men in charge of the girls at the different collieries, and men who are able to say that over a period of fourteen years, during which they themselves have had the oversight of the girls, accidents have taken place of the most trivial character, but no serious accident." It had been said by a member of Parliament that the girls pushed wagons weighing 30 cwt. and two tons. (A Voice: "It is a lie.") Of course, in the Committee-room of the House of Commons a cry almost of horror went up from the members who were ignorant of the facts.

His friend Mr. Harvey, from Derbyshire, who knew absolutely nothing of their case, said, "This is a bogus agitation." "Well," said Mr. Walsh, "you ladies don't look very bogus." And because Mr. Harvey employed no girls himself, he was doing his best to prevent their employment by others. "Friends," Mr. Walsh concluded, "I am convinced that because you are right victory is inscribed upon your banners. (Applause.) We have the Home Office already on our side, and I am sure that when Parliament meets again, and before the new Mines Regulation Act becomes the law of the land the disgraceful amendment carried and added to it will be wiped off the page on which it was written." (Applause.)

Mr. Neville said that, although he was a strong party man, as Mr. Walsh himself was, he welcomed the opportunity which would

at home than at work. She has been at home five months at once through ill-health. I took her out of the mill, and she has been on the pit brow now for twelve months, and she has never been ill since. I wish a lot more girls would come on the pit brow. There would not be quite so many doctor's bills to pay. I have had to pay them, and I wish every mother would look at the matter as I have looked at it with my girl."

Miss Polly Ward, Pemberton, told how she worked in the mill for twelve months, and how she was never out of the doctor's hands all the time. She has now been working over six years on the pit brow, and never had a day's sickness since. As for the character of the girls working at the collieries, she had never been with "decenter or more respectable people."

"I have four sisters," said Miss Alice Bradshaw, "working on the pit brow besides myself." (A pit-brow lass in the audience: "An' we're gradely uns, too.") "I have had six working on, and my mother worked on before us. I can't see any reason to try and stop the pit-brow girls. It is decent and it is easy work. It isn't hard work."

Where Coal is Cheap!

Mrs. Bridget MacHugh, Highfield, a lady over seventy, of fine presence, who spoke with a touch of the brogue, caused much laughter, and was evidently a favourite with the audience. "I come here for to give my experience," she said. "I have worked thirty-three years at the Pemberton Colliery, and I have worked at other collieries besides, and if I counted all the collieries I would be forty years working among the dust; and I thank God I am a granny and a great-granny, and the dust will not take no effect on me yet." (Great laughter.) She asked where they would send the women if they stopped them from working on the pit brow. They had no work for them, and their parents could not keep them. (A Voice: "You must let Smillie keep them; he would soon change his opinion then.") They could not get meat or clothes, and would be driven on to the rocks to sink or swim. "I say," said Mrs. MacHugh, "that they are not Englishmen. There is not a place all over the world but

the pit bank for twelve years, and she added, "I think I'm as nice as I was when I first started. I go to work at six in the morning, and finish at four in the afternoon, and when I come home I have the housework to do, and if the work was heavy on the pit-brow I couldn't do that."

Miss Entwistle, of Hindley, thought it would be better if Sir Arthur Markham would "come down here instead of talking up in London when he doesn't know anything about it. At our pit," she said, "it is just as nice as being at home. We have hot water, and we can warm our breakfast and dinner and tea, and we can wash us any time we like."

Mr. Walsh: Miss Entwistle spoke about Sir Arthur Markham coming down here, but Sir Arthur knows a trick worth twenty of that. He would never go back again if he came down here. (Laughter.) There would be a vacancy in the Mansfield Division. (Laughter.)

Miss Bentham, of Aspull, said: "I hope our members of Parliament will fight the battle, so that we shall not get stopped." Mrs. Margaret Harrison, of Little Scotland, said that she had been asked "Why doesn't tha stop awhom?" "But if I came to have a dozen children I should send them all to 't' pit, because I think they're 't' best and 't' cleanest and 't' nicest as there is 't' Lancashire." Mrs. Hayes, Aspull, had to leave the mill for ill-health. She had a boy nineteen years of age who could not earn a penny, and a husband in bad health, and a girl who had to start at the pit because of bad health, and where was she to go if the pit-brow girls were stopped!

Miss Lily Aspinall had been working for six years; before that she was in service, working as a day-girl, getting half-a-crown a week and "bits of dinners and teas." Now she had 2s. 1d. a day, and many a time she had gone out washing and cleaning after coming from the pit, and had got nearly as much in this way. Miss Sarah Meadows, of Hindley, said: "Those who had gone against it didn't know what it was. Let them come and work against us unknowing," she said, "and then see what they think of it afterwards."

was at home. "Don't you think it is a shame and a disgrace that any man who is supposed to represent the working-class interests should be so ignorant as to make such a statement about the working classes?" asked Miss Kenney. Their fathers and mothers could not keep them at home, whether they wanted to do so or not. The Suffragists had come into the fight because they stood for equality all round, and for better conditions in women's work, and the Women's Social and Political Union realised that if the pit-brow girls had the Parliamentary vote the men in Parliament would never have talked about turning them from the pit brow. (Applause.) "If this amendment is carried prohibiting women's labour on the pit brow," said Miss Kenney, "you will see me in Wigan again, and I shall ask for volunteers, and we will go up to London and tell them what we think about them. (Applause.) But I don't think it will be carried, for they will be afraid of carrying that clause in the Mines Bill after this agitation and the strong manner in which you have shown your disapproval of it. (Applause.) The women of our Union thank Mr. Walsh for the splendid fight he has made inside and outside the House of Commons to prevent the prohibition of women's labour at the pit brow." (Applause.)

The Resolutions.

The following resolution was then submitted to the meeting, and passed unanimously and with enthusiasm:—

This meeting of pit-brow girls protests against the misleading and unscrupulous attacks made upon their labour, and calls upon Parliament to reject the amendment recently carried in the Committee stage of the Coal Mines Bill. It resolves that copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary and the Under-Secretary of State, the President of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, and Sir Arthur B. Markham, Bart.

The following was also passed unanimously:—

"We call upon the Government to grant to women the Parliamentary vote, which will be a safeguard against unjust laws being carried and the only real protection to women in the industrial world."

This closed the proceedings, the petition being signed at the door as the pit-brow girls left the meeting.

FIVE POINTS AGAINST THE INSURANCE BILL.

Treatment of Women under Mr. George's Proposals.

From the many fundamental defects in the National Insurance Bill as it affects women I select the following five essential points:—

1. The Bill though professing to be "national," insures only four million women against sickness and none against unemployment.

As eleven million men are insured against sickness and two and half million men are insured against unemployment, and as the State is called upon to pay a contribution on behalf of each insured person, the discrimination against women is very pronounced.

This discrimination is increased by the fact that a much larger proportion of women will fail to obtain admittance to the friendly societies and will be thrown back on the Post Office scheme, which is not really insurance, but compulsory thrift.

2. Working women, who, as wives and mothers or as sisters or daughters, are giving up their lives to the care of the home are not insured under the Bill, and of the widows who are left with young children to take care of, only a very small proportion can obtain benefits under it.

Working for others in the home is penalised by exclusion from insurance, and a premium is put on earning money wages. Not only so, but every year which an unmarried girl devotes to "home duties" after she leaves school is reckoned to her disadvantage, and she gets smaller benefits when she at last becomes a wage earner and enters the scheme, while if she continues her home duties until she marries and is subsequently left a widow, she is placed at special disadvantage under the Bill.

Widows with young children will generally only be eligible for the "voluntary" side of the scheme, and as this means a weekly contribution of 6d. out of their scanty earnings will very rarely be able to become insured.

The exclusion of wives from the scheme renders the expenditure on sanatoria a farce, for what is the use of segregating male consumptives while leaving women to spread infection in the home?

3. Women get lower benefits than men for the same premium.

Mr. Lloyd George claims that where men pay 4d. premium women pay 3d. premium, so that there is no injustice in women receiving 7s. 6d. sick benefit where men receive 10s. But the difference in premium only relates to those earning over 15s. a week. Where the wage-earner is getting less than 15s. a week, and a very large number of women earn less than this amount, the premium paid by the employee is precisely the same for men and women, yet the man's sick benefit is 10s. and the woman's only 7s. 6d. (Note the amount of cash benefit is never more than two-thirds the weekly wages, but is to be made up to the full value of 10s. for men and 7s. 6d. for women by other benefits.)

4. Premiums paid in out of moneys jointly earned by husband and wife are credited solely to the man's account.

When a man and woman marry, the wife usually agrees to give up earning an independent living, and to devote her life to the care of home and children. There is thus a division of labour, the husband doing the external work and the wife the internal work; this domestic arrangement has led many people erroneously to suppose that the money paid to the husband is solely his instead of being in reality the joint product of the labour of husband and wife. The Insurance Bill follows this erroneous assumption, and in compulsorily taking a share of the family income, credits it wholly to the man's account, insuring him therewith against sickness, while leaving the wife uninsured. A particularly flagrant example is that of the wife of a small shopkeeper, who helps to build up her husband's business, and to pay his premium, and yet is debarred from benefit, either during his life or after his death.

The bill as originally agreed upon between Mr. Lloyd George and the Friendly Societies, though it did not insure the wife against sickness during the life of her husband secured to her an equal benefit. It provided that in the event of the death of her husband, she should have a weekly pension of 5s., so long as she was left with children under 16 years of age, and that each of these children should have 1s. 6d. a week until they became 16. Mr. Lloyd George deleted this provision from the bill, and doubled the men's insurance instead, thus making it grossly unfair to women.

5. Only a very small proportion of women obtain anything like a *quid pro quo* for their payments.

To understand this, it is necessary to realise that sickness does not occur equally at all ages. In the early part of life, periods of invalidity are few and short, but later

they become more frequent, until at the age of sixty a considerable proportion of men and women are unable to earn their own living. The Insurance Bill recognises this and arranges that a large part of the premiums paid in youth and the prime of life shall go to what is in reality a pension fund for the old. Thus we have Mr. Lloyd George himself admitting that if he had only persons under 30 years of age to consider he could provide all the necessary benefits out of a combined premium of 1d., or at most 2d. a week (instead of 8d. or 9d. as at present). From this it follows that men and women who do not live to be old do not, unless they suffer to an unusual extent from sickness, get value for all the premiums paid on their behalf. So far there is nothing particularly unjust, it is the usual principle underlying insurance. But there is this difference between men and women, that whereas the great majority of men will be insured up to the day of their death (or till they reach 70 and get the state-paid old age pension), the great majority of women will only be insured during their young years—until they marry, in fact—and of those women who live to be old only a very small proportion will be insured. They will therefore pay large premiums for small benefits in their youth, and when they are old will not reap the reward of their thrift.

Mr. Lloyd George attempts to meet this criticism by saying that the funds of men and women will be kept separate and that all the premiums paid on behalf of women will be credited to the women's account, but this answer does not meet the case, for the simple reason that during the larger part of a working woman's life her labour instead of helping her to build up her insurance fund is solely helping her husband to build up the fund against his own old age.

F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

THE CONCILIATION BILL.

Sir George Kemp, M.P., addressing his constituents on Tuesday night in the Cheetham Hill Public Hall, said he could not refrain from mentioning the Conciliation Bill, in which he had had some share. "I am glad," he said, "to think it passed its second reading with the greatest majority it has ever had in the House of Commons, but I am much more glad that the Government have promised that next year time shall be given for its consideration, and we shall then see to what extent members of the House of Commons are sincere in their professions of anxiety to give justice to the women mentioned in that Bill. I hope that the Bill may become law, because I believe that the sum of intelligence of the electors would be increased by the inclusion of women, and because I believe it to be a crying shame that they have not had the vote up to the present time." (Cheers.)

THE LATCHKEY DECISION.

In the article which we published last week Leeds was omitted from the list of towns not affected by the Latchkey Decision. Another town not affected is Keighley.

KEIGHLEY BY-ELECTION.

Polling To-day.

W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms: 35, Church Green.
W.S.P.U. Organiser: Miss Mary Phillips, 18, Holker Street.

Candidates.

Mr. W. M. Ackworth (C)
Mr. Buckmaster, K.C. (L)
Mr. W. Crawford Anderson (Lab.)
Result at General Election 1910:—Sir J. Briggs (L) Unopposed.

Last week we stated that unless a more satisfactory undertaking with regard to the Conciliation Bill were forthcoming from Mr. Buckmaster, the W.S.P.U. would have no alternative but to oppose his election. Up to the time of going to press no such undertaking had been received, and the campaign therefore was continuing. Most interested audiences have assembled at all meetings, both in Keighley itself and in the villages, and an overflowing audience listened with great enthusiasm and delight to Miss Christabel Pankhurst on Saturday. It is felt that the principle of Votes for Women has completely taken hold of the division, and the reasons why we oppose Mr. Buckmaster are also being clearly grasped by an ever-increasing number of both men and women.

Why We Oppose Mr. Buckmaster.

The story of the negotiations is as follows:—On October 10 Miss Mary Phillips (W.S.P.U. organiser) sent the following letter to all the candidates:—

DEAR SIR.—I have been deputed by the Women's Social and Political Union to conduct an election campaign in this division, and in order to decide what our policy is to be it is necessary for me to ascertain the attitude of each of the candidates towards the Conciliation Bill for Women Suffrage. I should, therefore, be very grateful if you could kindly accord me an early interview on the subject at any place and hour that may be convenient to you. I enclose a copy of the precise text of the Bill. The points on which we specially desire definite information are whether you would, if elected:—(1) Vote for the Bill; and (2) vote against any amendments tending to widen its scope, or at least against such amendments as, in the opinion of the Conciliation Committee, would endanger its passage through the House of Commons in 1912.

Mr. Ackworth replied as follows:—

DEAR MADAM.—In reply to yours of October 7, which only reached me last night, I shall be very pleased to see you if you desire to call. Meanwhile, I may say that I have no hesitation in answering "yes" to both your questions.

On Mr. Anderson's behalf the following was sent:—

Dear Miss Phillips.—I am deputed by Mr. Anderson to thank you for your letter of the 10th inst., which has only reached him this evening. He has given consideration to the points which you raise, and I am glad to be able to inform you that his answer is in the affirmative in each case. I trust that this will be satisfactory to your Union.—With best wishes, yours faithfully, ARTHUR PETERS.

Miss Phillips reports as follows:—

Mr. Buckmaster did not reply, although I had written to him some days before his formal adoption, which took place on Thursday night, October 11. The next morning I called on his agent at the Central Committee Rooms, and was told a reply had been written, and would reach me in due course. On Saturday morning, as it had not come, I went and saw the agent again. I was told that the candidate was away until Monday, that it was quite an oversight that I had not been replied to, and the agent made a note of my name and business, and promised to bring the matter to Mr. Buckmaster's notice the first thing on Monday morning, and get a letter written immediately. On Tuesday, as I had still heard nothing, I went again. I was asked to wait to see the

agent, but Mr. Buckmaster came in through the room in which I was waiting, so I said I should like to see him, and did so. He excused himself for not replying to my letter, on the ground that he had had so many on the same subject. He searched through some letters, but none of them was mine. I offered to write another letter repeating my questions, but he said if I would put them verbally he would answer them. I repeated them from memory, as put in the letter. To the first, he said unhesitatingly "Yes."

To the second he said, "No." He would not submit his judgment to any Committee. He could not be expected, as a Liberal, to vote against an amendment that would widen the Bill.

But, he continued, he could not see that such an amendment would wreck the Bill. Either it would pass or it would not. I pointed out that anti-Suffragists had announced their intention of supporting such amendments in Committee and turning their backs on the Bill at its third reading. He declared he had heard of no such attempt. I said that the Conciliation Committee, as the framers and promoters of the Bill, were surely the best qualified to judge what would endanger it, and that I had not noticed any reluctance on his part to submit his judgment to the Government, or on the part of any politician to submit to his party leaders. He showed some righteous indignation, saying I had asked for a pledge no honest man could give, after I had pointed out that the other two candidates had given it. There was some further discussion. The interview lasted about seven minutes, perhaps, in all, and was punctuated by interruptions from Liberal supporters and officials, declaring that the candidate's time was short and asking me to be brief. I thanked him for his courtesy in sparing so much time, and withdrew.

Meanwhile his election address had come out, and contained this clause:—

ELECTORAL REFORMS.—It should, I think, also be an object of immediate attention to secure on a firmer basis the principle of representative government, and to this purpose to remove the anomalies and inequalities of our present electoral system. As part of such reform it is, to my mind, just and for the general good that women, who now share the burdens, should also share the responsibilities of the State. It is an essential part of Liberal principle that the accident of birth should create no privilege. So also, to my mind, the accident of sex should create no bar.

Mr. Buckmaster spoke as above, in effect, at his first public meeting in the Division, and has also done so since. As our attitude was criticised by Liberal women at Miss Pankhurst's meeting on Saturday, the 21st, and we were accused of opposing a friend, Miss Pankhurst suggested that they should accompany me, and a representative of the Women's Freedom League (Miss Neilans), who had stood up and publicly corroborated my statements from her own experience with Mr. Buckmaster, on a deputation to the candidate if he could be induced to receive it, the Press being invited.

One of the ladies came to see me on Monday, the 23rd, to say she had spoken to him of it, and he had no objection, but, as he had answered us all, he did not see that any good purpose would be served, and thought the object would be better attained by his dealing fully with his position in the matter at the chief meeting of his campaign on Tuesday, the 23rd. I insisted on the deputation, and she then gave me her name, and that of another lady, as willing to join it. I then despatched the following letter to Mr. Buckmaster, and am awaiting his reply:—

DEAR SIR.—As you were unable to give me the full assurance for which, on behalf of the Women's Social and Political Union, I asked you in relation to the Conciliation Bill, we have had no choice but to work against your return. As, however, some of your supporters feel that we have misrepresented your attitude, and done you an injustice, it was proposed by Miss Pankhurst, and assented to by the ladies referred to below, that you should be asked to receive a joint deputation from the various women's organisations concerned, in the presence of Press Representatives. The Keighley branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies would be represented by Mrs. Gill, the Women's Liberal Federation by Mrs. Mauchline, the Women's Freedom League by Miss Alison Neilans, and the Women's Social and Political Union by myself. If you are kind enough to receive us, it will, I think, be better in every way that the interview should take place as soon as possible, in order that if we have been mistaken our policy may be changed to one of neutrality. I can only say we shall be glad if this is proved to be the case.

Up to the time of going to press no answer had been received.

OTHER BY-ELECTIONS.

Owing to Cabinet changes and other causes, by-elections will take place at Oldham, South Somerset, and Hitchin. All the candidates will be approached by the W.S.P.U., and opposition will be offered to those who cannot give a satisfactory answer with reference to their attitude towards the Conciliation Bill. Miss Annie Kenney is in charge of South Somerset. Further particulars will be announced later.

The "Revue des Deux Mondes" (published on the 15th, instant) has a brilliant article by Frank Brentano on the origin of Kingship. The old chronicles give a certain colour to feminist pretensions. Knowall-tufted men who would deny women the vote that, in mediæval times, the sex had its part in the administration of France. The Queen held the purse of the State, and under her orders was the Chamberlain or Chancellor of the Exchequer. The hierarchical order was: King, Queen, and eldest Prince. An old historian accuses the Royal Consort of being too sharp. She made money out of the Bishops for the good of the Treasury. Philip Augustus was the first king to break with the feminine tradition; but, down to quite recent times, the trace of primitive conditions is found. In the absence of Louis XIV. Marie Thérèse had to sign and deliver the "lettres de cachet." Suffragettes should rejoice in this historical warrant for their claims.—*The Observer*.

THE SPECIES OF THE FEMALE.

[Suggested by Mr. Rudyard Kipling's delicate tribute to "The Female of the Species," published in "Woman's Platform" on October 20, 1911.]

When the Soul of Man awakened, when the Woman that God gave,
Stood revealed as wife and sister, not his chattel or his slave,
Then he formed his own conception of what Woman ought to be,
And he made a Plaster Image; and he told her it was She.

For the Woman as God made her wasn't good enough for Man;
He invented large improvements upon Nature's cruder plan;
And he washed that image nice and white, and set it on the shelf,
Where he kept assorted virtues that he did not want himself.

Man might govern, fight, and reason, to his perfect satisfaction;
Soothed by Woman at the season when his mind was out of action;
Woman, good, and kind, and clinging, timid, soft, anemic, pale,
For the female of the species was an adjunct to the male.

But the Woman as Man made her scarcely suits our modern notions,
With her regulated instincts and her neatly trimmed emotions;
We have dropped the weaker vessel and the tame domestic pet,
And our taste finds something lacking in that saint-like statuette.

So our literary gentlemen have modelled it afresh;
And the terra-cotta fairy is a Demon of the Flesh,
Half Mother-Fiend, half Menad: she-wolf's tooth and wild-cat's nail;
"Armed and engined," fanged and poisoned, for the hunting of the male.

With the morals of the hen-coop, with the Jungle's code of law,
With the mercy of the tigress when she rips her quarry raw,
Such the bard's vivacious vision; but the woman who can judge,
Knows that much of it is fiction, and a good deal simply fudge.

And Man knows it, Mr. Poet! Knows your singular ideal
Does not bear the least resemblance to the Woman that is real;
For Woman ain't no plaster saint and she ain't no tigress, too,
But an average human being, "most remarkable like you."

SIDNEY LOW, in "Woman's Platform," in *The Standard*.
(Paraphrased by the Author.)

IRISH WOMEN AND THE HOME RULE BILL.

That the woman's movement has made wonderful progress in Ireland during the past twelve months has been evidenced in some remarkable ways, first by the number of Irish women who came to England to take part in the great deputation in November of last year; secondly, the visit of Dublin's Lord Mayor and members of the Corporation to present a petition in support of the Conciliation Bill at the Bar of the House of Commons; and, lastly, by the resolution passed a few days ago by the Irish Women's Franchise League demanding that Irish women shall have equal justice with their countrymen, and that if Home Rule is to be established it shall be Home Rule for women as well as for men.

Miss Pankhurst visited Ireland on Tuesday, October 17, and at a largely attended meeting in the Round Room of the Mansion House, Dublin, kindly lent by the Lord Mayor for the occasion, conveyed to the Irish Women's Franchise League the promise of the hearty support of the W.S.P.U. in their demand. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were present. The meeting, which was one of the best ever held in Ireland, was presided over by Mrs. Cousins, who explained the objects of the League and of its demands. It was independent, and it stood also as a militant League whenever the necessity for militancy might arise. They were free to approach members of every party. The sole object of the League was the attainment of the enfranchisement of Irish women at the earliest possible moment, as being one of the first essentials of the good government and interests of the people. They had amongst their members of both political camps. Their demand was to obtain the Parliamentary vote on the same terms as it was or might be granted to men. They had evidence that the country was behind them in that demand in the number and importance of the Urban and District Councils which had passed resolutions in favour of extending the Parliamentary vote to women municipal voters. Galway, Bray, Portrush, and Newry had passed the resolution only recently.

In a letter apologising for his absence Mr. Chambers, K.C., M.P., wrote: "As you know, I am a strong supporter of women's claims as defined in the Conciliation Bill, which I shall aid in its passage to an Act."

Mr. Nannetti, M.P., also sent a message of goodwill.

Miss Pankhurst, who had a hearty welcome, explained the Conciliation Bill, and then went on to say that if the demand of the Irish Women's Franchise League be conceded, its proposition would be embodied in a Government measure, and they in England thought it was their duty to do what in them lay to secure for their Irish sisters the advantage which that entailed. There was no reason to suppose that the Government would look with an unfavourable eye on their claim that the Home Rule Bill would provide votes for women as well as men. There was weighty evidence which led them to suppose that in drafting that Bill provisions would be inserted to ensure that the proposed Irish Parliament would be elected on the local government register. The Irish Council Bill provided for women's suffrage, and the reason why the Government chose the local government register instead of the Parliamentary register was stated by Mr. Birrell in introducing that Bill. He said that Irish women had a right to be permitted to share in any work for their country which was within the reach of men. That principle was recognised by the Government when they drafted the Irish Council Bill, and what reason was there to suppose that the Government had gone back upon it during the four years that had elapsed since that time? The presumption was that they would be prepared to give votes for women in the Home Rule Bill just as they were prepared to give it in the Irish Council Bill. It would be extraordinary, so far as woman suffrage was concerned, if the coming Home Rule Bill should be less liberal or progressive than the Irish Council Bill. She refused to believe any such thing. Only a week ago Lord Haldane, addressing a meeting in Scotland, said that if there were to be subordinate Parliaments created for the various parts of the United Kingdom it would be impossible to debar women from their share in the election of those Parliaments, especially in view of the share they already enjoyed in matters of local government. If Lord Haldane was stating the position of the Government, then it followed as a logical consequence that the Home Rule Bill would include a provision that the local government register would be the register on which the proposed Irish Parliament would be elected. Addressing a word to the Unionist members of Parliament for Ireland, she said that whether Ireland was governed by an Irish Parliament or the Imperial Parliament, women had a right to a say in electing the Parliamentary representatives who were to govern them. Therefore, if Home Rule was coming, women were entitled to share in it equally with men. The opinions of the Nationalist members were of chief importance where this matter was concerned. They had the ear of the Government, but power brought responsibility. The Nationalist members had got to face this question just as they had to face other questions relating to Home Rule, and there were many reasons why the Nationalist party should support the claim of their Irish countrywomen for a share in the government of their country. It was unthinkable that the Nationalist party should refuse to give to women what they were demanding for themselves.

Professor Kettle, formerly M.P. for East Tyrone, and one of the leading exponents of Home Rule, followed, and in a short speech supported the demand that the franchise in the Home Rule Bill should be the same for women as under the Local Government Act. There was not in the Nationalist movement any substantial opposition to women's suffrage. In the framing of the franchise clauses of the Home Rule Bill, unless the very limited local government vote for which they asked were conceded to women, he, speaking for himself as a Nationalist and a politician, would not be able to regard such a Bill as a real measure of self government for Ireland. Under Home Rule women were going to be taxed in exactly the same way as men were taxed, and that, to him, seemed to be a conclusive reason why women should have votes.

Meeting at Galway.

On Wednesday evening Miss Pankhurst spoke under the auspices of the League at Galway. There was a large and enthusiastic audience. Mrs. Earl, presiding, outlined the reasons why women should share in the vote, and introduced Miss Pankhurst. A letter was read from Mr. Stephen Gwynn, M.P., who said: "I have always voted for giving women political rights, which they seem to me entitled to."

Mrs. Cousins said their league included Nationalists and Unionists. They did not stand by one political party and did not advocate any particular system of government. They simply took whatever system of government was in existence and said that no system of government was as good as it might be if it had not women as well as men entrusted with the franchise.

Miss Pankhurst, in her speech, said that she thought that Irishmen had not fully appreciated their women folk up till now, but they were going to do that in the future, because they were going to see that women were to have the same rights as men. When men were struggling for their rights they put the vote in the forefront of their programme, and women did the same. With the vote they could protect their own interests; without it they were at the mercy of everybody. As an example of what she meant she took the case of Belfast, or Manchester, or Leeds, or Liverpool—great manufacturing cities where tens of thousands of women were employed. Some people told them that Ireland had a great industrial future before her. That might be, but it would be a bad thing for the women, unless they got votes, because wherever there were industries the employer always looked out for cheap labour, and women's labour was cheap just because of the bad old custom that deprived them of the franchise and the power to make their influence felt in the House of Commons. The result was long hours, sweated wages, miserable slums, and a high death rate amongst the babies. It was for the voteless women of Ireland to say what government the country was to have, as they had no power. The point was that whether they were to live under the Union or under an Irish Parliament, women would have the vote. If women were competent to vote when they went to America, why could they not vote when they stayed at home? She thought the clause giving the vote to women would be the most popular one in the Home Rule Bill. (Laughter.) It would be the one point on which Unionist and Nationalist agreed. (Laughter.) Some people thought that they should wait until the Irish Parliament was elected before they made their claim. Well, they did not believe in waiting. That Parliament when it was established would have a very busy time and the women would be told that they must wait. This would go on for years. "Oh! we know you," she declared amidst laughter. They had therefore better start fair at the beginning. It was all stuff and nonsense to say that they should wait until Home Rule was passed. Now was the time to put forward their claim and get the Government to insert in the Bill the clause they already admitted in the Irish Councils Bill. She believed they were going to succeed.

Meeting in London.

On Friday evening Miss Pankhurst spoke for the "Irish Parliament" Branch of the United Irish League of Great Britain at the Gardenia Restaurant. Mr. John O'Connor, M.P., took the chair, and the hall was crowded with well-known United Irish League speakers, who sat side by side with working men from the outlying London branches, with interested Liberal workers and many Irish women sympathisers. Miss Pankhurst was received with an enthusiasm which proved there was very considerable support for her cause in the ranks of the United Irish League. From start to finish the audience gave her the keenest attention, and when she reminded them that under the Irish Council Bill women would have had the Parliamentary vote, sharp, quick cheering broke out. This was renewed when she pointed out that Mr. Redmond's chief argument for Ireland's fitness for Home Rule was the splendid use the Irish had made of their power over their County Councils. Mr. Redmond's argument equally applied to Women Suffrage, because for these Councils women voted. After Miss Pankhurst's very clever speech, the subject was declared open for discussion. Among those who took part were Mr. S. H. Swinny, B.A., Mr. M. W. Clancy (who, in one of the best speeches of the evening, strongly supported Votes for Women under the Home Rule Bill), Mr. M. Doherty (the popular Irish barrister), Miss Bridget O'Reilly, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Jim Connell, and Mr. N. G. Loughane. Mr. Sam Boyle (vice-chairman of the Branch) proposed, and Miss Rooy (the secretary) seconded a cordial vote of thanks to Miss Pankhurst.

"THE VOICE" AT MINISTERS' MEETINGS.

Mr. Lloyd George is not to be left in peace until he announces that he is going to give up his wrecking policy with reference to the Conciliation Bill. "The voice," which we hear so much about in the Liberal newspapers when referring to interruptions by Liberals at Tory meetings, was present at Mr. Lloyd George's meeting at the Holborn Town Hall last Friday night, but as it was "the voice" of men Suffragists of course one did not find much about it in the newspapers on the following morning.

The meeting was packed to overflowing to hear the Chancellor speak on the Insurance Bill, and outside a queue of men were waiting to get in—many of them entitled to numbered and reserved seats, which had been paid for. Much to the disgust of many a man who went there entitled to a paid-for seat and was eventually hustled away, it was found that a larger number of tickets had been issued than the hall would hold. And it was evident to "A Looker On," who knows a detective when he sees one, that the Liberals had an attack of "nerves," for the hall was surrounded by detectives and plain clothes policemen.

Sir Henry Dalziel presided, and, after a few preliminary remarks, called upon Mr. Lloyd George to speak. The Chancellor had not uttered many sentences, however, when a gentleman rose from the hall and said, "When are you going to withdraw your opposition from the Conciliation Bill?" He held up a flag on which was written "Don't wreck the Bill." The stewards (who were very numerous) rushed in from every side; there was a tremendous uproar and a scrimmage for the banner, which was torn to shreds. A man from the audience called out "Fair play," "Fair play," when he saw the man who had spoken being forcibly ejected. Whilst being ejected he called out, "You are no friend to women; you are a wrecker."

When the audience had quietly settled down again, Mr. Lloyd George went on with his speech, and was evidently beginning to feel on safe ground when another man jumped up—this time from the Press table—and, confronting Mr. Lloyd George, said, "Take your hands off the Women's Bill." One man sitting on the platform on Mr. Lloyd George's left so far forgot himself at this juncture that he waved his arms wildly and shouted to the stewards to "Out with him." "Throw him out!" "Get him out quickly!" The stewards, receiving this prompt advice from the platform, rushed to the man and in a very unceremonious way began to force him out of the hall. Meanwhile a gentleman sitting in the front row began to follow the stewards, protesting at the way in which they were forcing the protester out. Seeing them throw him down the stairs, this gentleman appealed to them; but this was not the time for Liberal stewards to listen to reason. They immediately took hold of the gentleman (who had done nothing more than persuade them to use more self-control) and threw him also down the steps.

In the meantime Mr. Lloyd George had picked up the thread of his speech. He began to enumerate all the societies which, he said, "Must have their interests considered." After he had mentioned them all a man got up from the back of the hall and said, "You have omitted the Women's Social and Political Union." This remark was greeted with the cry of "Turn him out," and another tussle ensued, with the result that an old gentleman immediately in front of the interrupter was upset from his chair. Another man was thrown out for making a pertinent interruption during the speech, and was immediately marched off to the police station, where he was detained for about a quarter of an hour. Mr. Franklin, of the Men's Political Union, rang up the police station to ask the meaning of this, but so far has received no satisfactory explanation. Other men were also thrown out for asking questions.

Is Mr. Lloyd George aware how many men he is alienating from his own party by his attitude towards the Women's Bill, and by the way in which he treats those who champion the Women's Cause at his meetings? Does he realise that many of his followers who attend his meetings are beginning to be disgusted at the hysterical way in which these Liberal meetings are organised—detectives and police outside the hall, and uncontrollable Liberal stewards inside? What has he to say about one of his own supporters on the platform directing the stewards openly as to how to deal with Suffragist interrupters?

A LOOKER ON.

We have had the following from a sympathiser who was also at the meeting, representing a Friendly Society:—

As I was going home in the train on Friday night, after Mr. Lloyd George's meeting two men got into the same compartment as myself. One of them had evidently been to hear Mr. Lloyd George at the Holborn Hall, and he began to talk excitedly to his friend about the meeting. During the conversation this is what I heard him say:—

"Mr. Lloyd George had just begun his speech when a gentleman arose in the audience to ask him a question. To my amazement the stewards rushed forward, and, without giving him an opportunity to put his question, hurled him out with the greatest

violence and brutality. Shortly after this the same thing occurred again, and yet a third time. In all there were about eight attempts to put some question—the nature of which I was not able to hear—with the same result in every case. It was most amazing to me, and I cannot understand what it was all about, nor why people who wish to put questions at political meetings should be treated in such an outrageous manner. I do not often go to political meetings, and shall certainly avoid them as much as possible in the future."

"ACT AS A LIBERAL, MR. MASTERMAN."

Suffragists and police seem nowadays to form the "reception committee" at all Ministerial functions, and Mr. Masterman's arrival at the Public Hall, Croydon, last Saturday evening was no exception to the rule.

A few minutes after a fine car, with two male occupants, had, amid great excitement, driven up to the door (as a blind), H.M. Parliamentary Secretary for the Home Department arrived in a stately "growler," with a bodyguard of detectives. "Remember Votes for Women!" shouted a member of the Men's Political Union as he stepped out, while a member of the W.S.P.U. gave him a reminder to "act as a Liberal."

Mr. Masterman's speech dealt solely with the Insurance Bill, and therefore gave many an opening to the men and women present in the hall in the interests of women's enfranchisement. As Mr. Masterman rose there also arose a member of the W.S.P.U., who, putting out her hand to attract the speaker's attention, tried to ask him a question. With the kind of courtesy which women have learnt to expect from Liberal gatherings, she was several times cried down. But, holding her ground, she at last succeeded in asking Mr. Masterman if he would answer questions at the end of the meeting. Mr. Masterman, bland and smiling, with a generous wave of his hand promised to answer any and all questions on any subject, and she resumed her seat.

During his exposition on the Insurance Bill many remarks and interjections were made by men in the audience, one member of the M.P.U. continuously pointing out the absurdity of legislating without woman's help. While explaining the benefits of the Bill to men Mr. Masterman was asked why he did not equally benefit women. To this he made the extraordinary statement that women benefited more than men under the Bill, and that their interests had been especially consulted. After mentioning the sick benefit of 10s. a week, he mentioned the maternity benefit of 30s. in such a way that it might have been understood as a weekly payment instead of a payment of 7s. 6d. a week for one month only.

Mr. Masterman having finished, the first questioner rose to put her question. The chairman, Mr. Morison, a well-known Anti-Suffragist, put it to the audience that as the meeting had been a long one, and that as it was getting late, it would be well to allow no questions. Cries of protest were heard, not only from the Suffragists, and Mr. Masterman, forced to say something in defence of his position, declared himself willing to answer any questions, but added that he put himself in the chairman's hands. He seemed to realise that both his honour and dignity were somewhat imperilled by his attitude, and he undertook to listen.

"Is it a fact," asked a woman, "that you are going to help Lloyd George to wreck the Women's Conciliation Bill?" Mr. Masterman replied, "I am not aware that Mr. Lloyd George is intending to wreck the Conciliation Bill." Another question was as follows:—"Are you aware that the Anti-Suffragists have written to the papers to the effect that they are glad Mr. Lloyd George intends to widen the Conciliation Bill?" The chairman began to interfere, saying it was not a proper question. Another lady rose and repeated the same question, and Mr. Masterman's answer to this was that he believed it "more important for married women to have the vote than unmarried ones, and that the Conciliation Bill, as it now stands, had not a ghost of a chance to pass."

A third lady then spoke of the dangers of widening the Bill, and Mr. Masterman said that he "had not given a promise which way he should vote; somehow it had got into people's heads that he was for voting against the Bill, but he should vote as his constituents desired him to do." The lady then walked up to the platform and said, "Mr. Masterman, I trust you will vote as the W.S.P.U. wish you to vote; help to pass our Bill." He stooped down and offered her his hand, saying, "We are very good friends." She replied, "Yes, if you will act as one."

Mr. Masterman then left the hall in his chosen "growler," changing into his car near the railway station.

Throughout the meeting women sold Votes for Women to the audience as they passed out.

DIVINE DISCONTENT.

Questioner at Drawing Room meeting: When you get the vote will you be content? Miss Christabel Pankhurst: Happily and mercifully there is no such thing as content. If there were, no doubt we should all of us have remained as it is said we once were, primeval apes.

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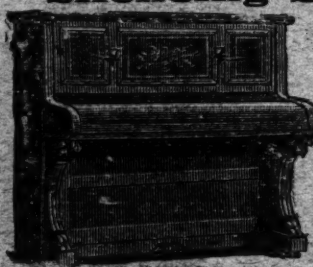
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"AGNES OF EDINBURGH."

Margaret Armour, the author of a delightful novel* which every Suffragette should read, is the wife of the artist, W. B. Macdougall, whose decorative black and white work adorns many of her earlier publications. This is Mrs. Macdougall's first novel, but she has also written, besides short stories, several volumes of very beautiful poems, and has made a name as the translator of Heine and Wagner—the second volume of Wagner's operas, done into English verse and illustrated by Arthur Rackham, being on the point of publication.

Mrs. Macdougall was born into a suffragist family, her mother and grandmother, both Margaret Armours, combining an ardent religious spirit with their enthusiasm for the Cause. The latter, together with her great friend, Mrs. Duncan MacLaren, was a pioneer of the Suffragist and Abolitionist movements in Edinburgh. Through a sequence of long lives Mrs. Macdougall is a "link with the past," for her grandfather's aunt was Janet Malcolm, whose soldierly exploit during "The '45" is recorded in history. While this lady's husband was absent fighting for Prince Charlie, the homestead was harried by the Duke of Cumberland's men, who drove off the cattle. Janet, gathering together the women, children, and old men, led them, with shouts, down the hillside in pursuit. Through the mist the soldiers imagined the whole clan descending upon them, and fled, leaving Janet and her "army" to drive back the cattle in triumph.

Knowing these things, one is not surprised to find Mrs. Macdougall putting into the mouth of Angela, the whilom "bachelor" artist, a witty and spirited defence of militancy, nor to discover that Agnes, the quaint, lovable, and courageous little heroine of the story, needs but little conversion at the hands of old Jenny, who instructs her in the ethics of the movement. "Jenny sees it isn't safe for wimmen to have heads to think and harts to feel. It leads to prisen," writes Agnes to her father. The naïve directness, the pathetic honesty, and quaint sayings and doings of this eight-year old Scotch girl, brought up in the strict loneliness of her aunt's Calvinistic household, form a thread of laughter and tears, which is interwoven with the dainty love story of her pretty cousin Lydia. In fact, Agnes is a very successful matchmaker, and accomplishes her own happiness together with that of Lydia. Jenny, the kindly old servant, brings many touches of humour and wisdom, while there are other sympathetic and amusing sketches of the Scotch life and character which Mrs. Macdougall knows so well. One of the most amusing chapters in the book describes how Agnes sallies forth to convert London, armed evangelically with her aunt's tracts, and an earnest simplicity derived from the same source. She is found in the wilds of the Strand, and coaxed home by a wily and delightful policeman, who, in response to Agnes's dignified self-introduction, describes himself as "Robert o' London."

In conclusion, let us quote from Sir James Stanhope, the distinguished and masterful physician to whom Angela capitulates, much to her own humorous disgust. Says the egregious Scotch minister—

"I've just been telling these ladies that the whole duty of woman . . ."

"The whole duty's a big order," Sir James cut in "but one of their most pressing ones they're performing in a very able manner just now. They're preparing a better music for the world by strengthening the feminine note. Men have crowded too loud and too long."

"You don't say you're a Suffragette!" said Donald amazed.

"My unfortunate sex forbids."

"But surely you don't approve?"

Sir James laughed.

"The healthy thing about these women is that they don't care whether we approve or not. They realise, with disconcerting clearness, that our opinion is coloured by self-interest."

"But it's against Scripture."

"If so, which I beg leave to doubt, then so much the worse for Scripture," retorts Sir James, to the natural horror of his ministerial opponent.

This is a book which should be read not only by Suffragettes, but also by Suffragists and Antis, and by the person who sits on the fence! They will alike read it with pleasure and profit. A.E.J.

THE CALL OF CANADA.

The value of a woman's insight and quickness of perception was recognised by the Canadian Government when it invited an Englishwoman (Mrs. George Cran) to pay a visit to the great Dominion and record her impressions; and right well did she repay the trust by publishing such a bright, interesting and informing book as "A Woman in Canada" (W. J. Ham-Smith, price 3s. 6d.). All the beauty, the wealth, the charm, the healthiness of Canada is described in this delightful record of a quick trip across the great country. We are given pictures of the hard, strenuous life of the settlers' wives—their double burden, borne so bravely, of incessant house and farm work and motherhood. Who can say, in face of these facts, that women lack enterprise, endurance and immense physical strength? Here and there is a woman farming on her own account, working as hard as any man on the soil which exacts tremendous labour, but repays it a hundredfold. Hard as the man works, the woman, with her incessant toil, must work harder, and her peril in childbirth, many miles from skilled help, is graphically told by Mrs. Cran, who makes a strong plea for a Government scheme for providing maternity nurses. The Government does many wonderful things for the settlers: it "works sanely on commercial lines for the good of the greatest

number, and for all its sense neglects its women and babes at the hour of birth, leaving them untended in the outlying homesteads." This is, however, the only dark chapter in a splendid work, which every woman who loves the British Empire will read with interest.

ABOUT QUEEN "BESS."

Queen Bess has always been a favourite with writers of historical romance, and a portrayal of this kind, which really excites interest, must be considered a clever feat. And this book is certainly interesting; its characters are vivid and real. The story of Elizabeth from her forlorn childhood, snubbed and miserable at her father's court, to her triumph as a queen, is told in a series of pictures, brilliantly coloured, life-like. We see Elizabeth, a pale, thin child, with wonderful red hair, shy as a cat, watching the tempers of those about her, then growing into a royal woman with beauty enough to turn the heads of men and wit to rule them. All the familiar figures are there, with touches which make them living: the boy King Edward "with feeble legs, pale, placid cheeks, and dull eyes, worshipping his own virtue and incapable of vigour or happiness," the foolish little coquette Catherine Howard, and her successor, Catherine Lady Latimer, "a buxom woman with a pleasant silly face," the plotting noblemen and their intrigues. The usual hairbreadth escapes are indulged in. By the way, Elizabeth's way of testing public opinion by a few moments' flirtation *incog.* with a waterman outside the Palace, is scarcely to be commended as serious statesman craft, but this is the usual airy episode of the historical romances. Altogether a very bright and eminently readable book.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Memorandum on a Social Evil in Glasgow." Published by the Glasgow Parish Council.

"A Book of Noble Women." By Mrs. C. C. Cairns. London: Messrs. T. C. and E. C. Jack. 7s. 6d. net.

"The Girl Crusoes." By Mrs. Herbert Strang. London: Henry Frowde and Hodder and Stoughton. 3s. 6d.

"Woman Suffrage in Australia." By Miss Vida Goldstein. The Woman's Press. 1d.

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THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

Mr. Lloyd George has been discoursing on the value of the vote. The legislation of the future, he said, must deal with the lives of the people. It had taken them forty-five years to realise the enormous lifting power of the engine of which they obtained the control by the franchise. They were now beginning to appreciate the fact that the franchise, skilfully, boldly, and prudently handled, could help to raise them above the destitution which for centuries had menaced their lives. Well and wisely directed, the franchise could help them to sweep away slums, to remove barriers in the path of progress, to open up resources walled in by greed, selfishness, and pride. It could help them to drive most of the poverty and disease out of the land. Yet Mr. Lloyd George is doing his utmost to prevent the enfranchisement of women next year!

In the absence of direct influence through the vote, the condition of the sweated woman worker has been patched up by means of Trade Boards. Nothing is to be said against the system, but its powerlessness is shown by the state of affairs at Nottingham, where a lock-out has been declared against the lace workers. The Boards recently fixed a minimum wage for these poor women of 2½d. an hour, but there is a loophole in the Act which permits the employee to "contract out" of the higher wage for six months if she wishes. Taking advantage of this, the middlewomen are dismissing those workers who will accept less than the pitiful sum mentioned above. We are glad to say that the workers are protesting. They recently organised a procession, and a fund has been raised in their aid.

An article in *The Call* of October 8, by Gertrude Atherton, has a special significance in view of the granting of suffrage in California. Gertrude Atherton takes the sudden appearance of anti-suffrage posters in that State as the final appeal of the unintelligent female to the unenlightened male, and she says: "The ballot woman is determined to have, and if she fails to-day she will win to-morrow. It is only a question of a few years at worst, and then her enemies of either sex will find themselves on the scrap-heap, out of date, forgotten, inadequate to the new responsibilities of life."

Last week we announced that Miss Agnes Murphy had offered £10 if Lady Griselda Cheape would prove her statement made at the National Union of Women Workers that Suffragists had been paid to go to prison. A number of indignant protests against this and other statements have been sent to the various papers, and at last Lady Griselda replies, admitting her mistake and explaining thus in the *Standard*:—

"I have just received an answer from my friend. She writes: 'I did not see the letter, but heard the story from a lady whose name I did not know.' I had mistaken it, as I understood her to say that she (my friend) had seen the letter. Had it not been so, I never would have quoted it, as I believed it to be a fact. This is the truth of the matter."

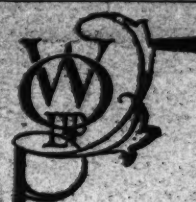
As M.A.P. pointed out on October 21, the charge was of the very gravest description: "to relate an incident as told by someone who had seen a letter from someone else is not sufficient. Names and dates should always be given if evidence is to be of any value." On the same page are some remarks on that debatable question—Chivalry. The special suffrage page on that date gave the text of the Conciliation Bill.

Reports of meetings held by our friends the Anti-Suffragists are nearly always amusing. A meeting was held the other day at Cirencester at which Lord Bathurst, in the chair, is reported to have asked: Did women want to be put on a level with men, rather than be considered a beautiful thing on a pedestal? Lord Bathurst, by the way, can hardly have studied the history of the woman suffrage movement if, as reported, he said that "the lack of success of the advocates of female suffrage prior to this brought out the wild behaviour of women who had otherwise uselessly talked for nearly 20 years." He admitted, however, that "their demand had gradually gone on and grown, though he hardly liked their method and ways of advertising."

At the same meeting, Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P., who admitted that this was the first time he had spoken on the subject, and that he had not heard any of the great speakers for or against, said that to his mind the women wanted privilege without paying the price for it. He represented blunt men—men who "may have given up chivalry for justice." Then he fell back upon the Anti-Suffragists' ewe-lamb, the physical force argument (where would they be without it?), and said that "wages and divorce—sweating and social evils—seemed to be the chief trouble of those who advocated the vote." (And enough, too, surely!) "Women's minds and activities," said Sir Gilbert, "were very small—their living precluded an initiative and constructive mind and forbade responsibility. Leave things as they are and make men better and the nation." Among the questioners was a gentleman who said he was converted to the Anti-Suffrage movement "because it was intended to give the vote to all women and get women into Parliament." Presentation copies of Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "Female of the Species" were given away at the door.

Another weekly which has opened its pages to the suffrage question is *The World*, to which we have already drawn attention.

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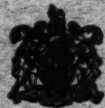
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VOTES FOR IRISH WOMEN.

"I cannot to-day speak with freedom about the terms of the coming Home Rule Bill. That Bill is not only in course of preparation—it is to-day almost completed. There has been a good deal of criticism in advance of this Bill here in Ireland . . . and while this criticism has been going on those of us who have on our shoulders the weighty responsibility for this great transaction, for this great negotiation, have had our mouths closed. For the present our mouths must remain closed. I can only appeal to my fellow-countrymen to-day to believe that I understand the Home Rule that Ireland needs, . . . and I can only ask my fellow-countrymen to trust me and to trust my colleagues until the moment comes, from which we are only separated now by a few short weeks, when the Bill itself in all its details will be before Irish public opinion. . . . I say to you that on this vital question of the character of the Home Rule Bill your trust in us will be absolutely and completely justified by the result."—MR. JOHN REDMOND, at *Baltinglass, co. Wicklow*, on October 23.

In these words Mr. Redmond assumes joint responsibility with the Government for the Home Rule Bill, in its details as well as in its principle, and calls upon those who have demands to make with regard to the Bill to trust in him for the satisfaction of their demands. Are these assurances, is this appeal for confidence, made to Irish women? If so, then we may, as Suffragists, rejoice greatly, for this means that the Home Rule Bill, now almost completed, contains a clause giving votes to Irish women as well as to Irish men. Thus, if the Home Rule Bill is carried, women will vote for the

Irish Parliament, and if it is not carried, then, because their right to vote has been recognised and asserted by the Government and by the Nationalist Party (with, we may hope, Unionist approval), their claim to share in electing the Union Parliament will have to be conceded.

The precise nature of the Home Rule Bill remains hidden from women as from men, but if ever the utterance of a public man justified women in expecting equal treatment, Mr. Redmond's speech does so. "I understand," he says, "the Home Rule Ireland needs." If this is true, then he understands that Ireland wants and needs that her women shall have the dignity and protection of the vote. The ancient traditions of Ireland are those of freedom for women. The Local Government bodies of Ireland, the creations only of yesterday, are one after another passing resolutions calling for the immediate enfranchisement of women. In short, Mr. Redmond has the knowledge which should prompt him to demand Home Rule for Irish women as well as for Irish men, and he has, according to his own statement of the case, the power to enforce this demand. It would not, therefore, be possible for him to escape his share of the responsibility if the Home Rule Bill were to be so drafted as to give votes only to men.

As to the Government, they are deeply and irrevocably committed to the policy of giving votes to women under the Home Rule Bill. Nearly five years ago they made their first attempt to carry a measure of self-government for Ireland. This measure was known as the Irish Council Bill of 1907. The Nationalist Party, at a great Convention in Dublin, considered the Irish Council Bill and rejected it, because they considered that the scheme of national self-government it proposed was too restricted. The Bill was therefore withdrawn by the Government, and the forthcoming Home Rule Bill is its successor. The importance of the Irish Council Bill from our point of view is that it proposed to give votes to those women who already have the vote for Town and County Councils.*

If the Irish Council Bill had been carried into law, Irish women would to-day have been sharing equally with men in that management of Irish national affairs which the Irish Council Bill contemplated. Now that the Government have offered a second time to promote a scheme of Irish Government, women have the same right to self-government as that given to them under the defunct Irish Council Bill. The vote was promised to Irish women under that Bill, nay, so far as the Government are concerned, it was actually given to them. What the Government have given they cannot now take away. For this reason, the Home Rule Bill must necessarily contain a clause giving to women that right to vote, which the Government decided to confer upon them under the Irish Council Bill. Lord Haldane's recent assertion, that women cannot be debarred from voting for the local Parliaments which may be established in various parts of the Kingdom, we naturally regard as an assurance that the Government's intention to give Irish women the same right as men in controlling their national affairs still holds good.

The Prime Minister's view is, we understand, that in placing the affairs of Ireland under the control of a local Parliament, he is bound to provide for all sections of the Irish people safeguards against future injustice and exploitation at the hands of the rest of the community. Such protection has already been definitely and explicitly promised to Ulster Protestant men, and in his recent speech at East Fife, Mr. Asquith declared that "the Government would be 'careful, scrupulously careful, of the rights and privileges 'of the minority in Ireland.' Women call upon the Government to be equally careful to protect the interests of Irish womanhood, and to ensure that if self-government be established, political liberty shall not be the monopoly of the male half of the Irish people.

Christabel Pankhurst.

* The vote for these local bodies was given to women by the Irish Local Government Act of 1898, which was carried while the last Conservative Government was in office.

THE FRENCHWOMAN'S IDEAL OF MARRIAGE.

By Mrs. Belloc Lowndes, Author of "The Heart of Penelope," etc., etc.

Some time ago I was asked to deliver an address on the French ideal of love, and a friend who has a horror of lectures observed that she would certainly make an effort to come and hear me, though she feared that my address would be very improper!

Now there is no doubt that the thoughtful British reader and thinker is immensely influenced in his or her views as to the French ideals of love and marriage by current French fiction, and it is a melancholy fact that a type of French novel which is scarcely read in France is sure of a large audience abroad, though there are innumerable noble and finely conceived love stories scattered through French literature.

Of course it would be idle to deny that the educated Frenchman and Frenchwoman draw a very sharp distinction between love and marriage. That, I venture to think, is partly owing to the fact that the French mind is essentially logical. A French lad of eighteen will talk of the passion of love in much the same way as would do an Englishman of sixty. True, the young Frenchman longs for love, and he hopes that it will run like a golden thread through much of his existence; but he faces the fact that the passion which we in England think should always precede marriage is almost invariably evanescent, and he would never admit that it can be the fit preliminary to such a lifelong tie as marriage. When a Frenchman speaks of "love" he means that which Rossetti so wonderfully described as "creature of poignant thirst, and exquisite hunger."

To the ordinary Frenchman and Frenchwoman marriage is a matter of immense moment, all the more serious that in the great majority of cases—for the French are the most married nation in the world—matrimony may be regarded as being almost as inevitable an episode in human life as is death itself.

The term a *mariage de convenance* has become almost an English phrase, but it is one which is interpreted very differently according to whether it be spoken by French or English lips. Too often the English *mariage de convenance* is to all intents and purposes a mere business transaction. The young man brings as his only asset to the bargain say a title, or a historic name, and with this in his hand he confidently expects to marry a pretty, well-dowered girl of a lower class than his own; or again—and this to my mind is even more repulsive—a low-natured man who has suddenly acquired, often by anything but creditable ways, enormous wealth, is encouraged to seek a mate among the carefully nurtured, delicately-bred girls who belong to a world of whose prejudices, peculiarities, vices and virtues he can have no understanding.

Now, the term in which the French understand the word *convenance* may be best translated by that of *suitable*. A *mariage de convenance* means not only that the two young people are of the same class, and are accustomed to much the same style of living; it also means that there exists between them no great disparity of age or of tastes. Were it not so, were the French *mariage de convenance* what in England this type of French marriage is supposed to be, the system would have broken down long ago, instead of proving as successful as, on the whole, it has shown itself in the last hundred years.

When all is said and done, as man and woman who enter on this solemn contract are like two boats setting out together on an uncharted lonely sea, shipwreck would result in the majority of cases were these human consort ships chosen with no reference to the facts—physical, moral and social—that lie deeply imbedded in civilised human nature.

It would be absurd to deny that in the immense majority of cases a French marriage is arranged by a third party. But what we in England do not at all realise is that this system leads to a girl having a largely increased, instead of a narrowed, choice. A young woman who is regarded from any reason as likely to make a good wife for the average young man of her own class becomes an object of interest to the parents, relations, and friends of every young man within what may be called hailing distance.

I always feel a pang of regret when some English, Scotch, or Irish friend remarks of a woman: "There's one who would have made such a good wife to some nice man—but I don't suppose the chance ever came her way." In France the chance would have come her way.

But, it may be asked, where does the ideal come in? What sort of man does the French girl wish to marry? It is here that we see the sharp division which exists

in the feminine ideal of the two nations. Our Frenchwoman, having a very positive type of mind, looks far further ahead on the road of life lying before her than does her English sister. By the time she is eighteen or nineteen she probably knows the sort of life she wishes to lead, and the friends who desire to arrange a suitable marriage for her go to some pains to discover her wishes in this important respect. If she is a town-bred girl, absorbed and interested in everything that goes on in whatever her native city may happen to be, they do not waste time in bringing her into contact with a country gentleman, or with a man whose own ideal is that of the quiet, stay-at-home woman absorbed in the management of a country house! If, on the other hand, as now not unfrequently happens—for French girls have become great readers of stories of adventure and books of travel—she would like a life full of incident and change, then her friends deliberately seek an officer in the French colonial army, or a man whose business interests are likely to take him abroad.

Most of us have smiled at the story of the poor charwoman who explained her terrible grief at the death of her spouse by the words, "Why, he was more like a friend than a husband!" Such a thing, we may safely assert, could never have been said by any Frenchwoman in any class of life, for the average French girl seeks the friend rather than the lover in her bridegroom, and those who would understand how she regards married life may be reminded of a pretty old saying:—

On n'est aimé constamment, sinon d'amour, du moins de reconnaissance et d'amitié, que par son mari.

(One is only always loved if not with passion, at least with gratitude and friendship, by the man who is also one's husband.)

And yet one word more. Children, as we know, play an immense part in the imagination of the French, and travellers in France are apt to smile at the warmth and expansiveness of the family affection shown even in the inns and by the wayside among family parties. The unborn child plays a great, if among educated people a decorously hidden, rôle in the French marriage system. It is not too much to say that no Frenchman marries without remembering and counting greatly with the fact that the woman who is to be his future wife will be also, in all probability, the mother of children. To say of a young Frenchman that he dislikes children would injure, almost more than would anything else, his chances of making a good and suitable marriage in his own class.

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IS THE LAW UNJUST TO WOMEN?

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR EDITORS,—The exclusion of women from prominent position in the administrative departments opens up a wide question. Besides the injustice which it involves to women in their personal status towards men and in their position as employees, there is the absolute and careful exclusion of women (and that means of the woman's mentality and of her point of view and interest) from all social administration.

In one aspect no doubt it is a sample of injustice as between man and woman on the ground of inequality of opportunity. But I think there is a far more serious aspect. It really means that we are trying to govern the State and to evolve a better and nobler social existence by the guidance of man alone. It appears to be admitted by many that woman has a special mentality, her own point of view, her own valuation of life, her own attitude towards existence, and her own interests. Yet we are attempting to run our great administrative departments without the help of woman in any of the great controlling positions. These administrative departments are year by year becoming greater factors in the control and influencing of our social life and welfare. Is it not probable that much of modern social legislation disappoints us in its results because we are administering it without consulting the special genius of woman?

If the control of our gaols and our punitive system were taken out of the hands of one man and placed in the joint control of man and woman there would be a social upheaval. Instead of breaking the soul of the criminal with the tyranny of prison life, followed by subsequent social ostracism, the community would have the woman's view forced on them—to elevate and reclaim, not to degrade.

If the Board of Education were in the joint control of women, they would secure for girls an education to fit them for their future life. If women were appointed as permanent officials of the Local Government Board they would have less incentives than men have to palliate slum dwellings, infantile mortality, and sweating.

English administration shuts her out from such administrative positions where she could wield power. Why? I suppose historically they have been the sinecures of the great governing classes, who were the propertied class. To-day there is a need for woman in such positions because they instinctively work for social well-being first of all and foremost.

The antiquity of our legal system accounts for its special features. Its basis was to protect life and property. Social conditions were left to grow of themselves under the feudal system, and a social life was developed and protected under that system. But the Courts left it severely alone. Theft, larceny, damage, and trespass were duly punished; private property was protected. But with the breakdown of the feudal system social rights were left to take care of themselves. It was no evil to filch from the public the commons, and as soon as it dawned on the public that it was an evil the legislators, then the propertied class, took care to make it strictly legal. For quite a long period it was no wrong to treat the great unpropertied class of women as chattels. Probably to-day if women were allowed their influence in the drafting of our penal laws and allowed to sit on juries they would bring some startling changes into our system. They would discriminate between theft as a profession and theft to support a wife and family. They would be faced with the problem of prostitutes and of sweated labour, and would try hard to enforce decent wages—in fact, the whole face of the Courts might be changed if they were used for improving and developing social conditions.

The law punishes abortion, condemns voluntary sterility, restricts the working hours of women; it takes no steps to insist on a minimum wage for women, or to suppress infantile mortality, or to find work for widows with children, or to condemn advertisements for married couples without encumbrance.

Yours, &c.,

WALTER DODGSON.

THE ALBERT HALL MEETING.

Owing to the very great importance of the meeting in the Albert Hall, London, on Thursday evening, November 16, when Mr. Ellis Griffith, the leader of the Welsh Party in the House of Commons, will give his views upon the Conciliation Bill, it is hoped that every member of the W.S.P.U. who can possibly be in London on that day will be present, and will bring with her a party of friends; she is also requested to interest many of her acquaintances in the meeting and to secure tickets for them. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be in the chair, and the other speakers will include Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Miss Vida Goldstein, who will shortly be returning to Australia.

The arena is now practically sold out, but there are a number of good stalls price 2s. 6d., lower orchestra price 2s. front rows, 1s. back rows, balcony front rows 1s., back rows 6d., upper orchestra 6d., all numbered and reserved, still available. There are also boxes at £1 10s., £1 1s., and 12s. 6d. Application should be made at once to Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Miss Hambling will be glad of the names of members of the W.S.P.U. prepared to act as stewards.

A STORY OF AFGHANISTAN.

And How British Officials Treated a Woman.

A fascinating story of a woman's pluck was told at the Stenway Hall last Thursday, in a simple narrative of personal experiences by Dr. Lillias Hamilton, who was for some time the physician to the Court of the Ameer of Afghanistan, and is now in charge of the Agricultural College at Studley. The audience were held spell-bound, and were roused to righteous indignation by the account of the folly and stupidity of the British officials.

The chair was taken by Mrs. Mansell Moullin, who at once struck the note of hope and determination. Referring to those who preached patience, she said patience was a gospel that had been stamped and hammered into women all down the ages, but there must not be patience under injustice and wrong-doing. Some people deprecated women looking into evil, but the Suffragist said, Let the veil of hypocrisy that covers shameful things be drawn aside.

Not Queen of the Home.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence said that the Anti-Suffragists were fond of stating that women ought not to interfere with politics, and that their place was in the home, where they were queen; but, as a matter of fact, whatever else women might be they certainly were not queen of the home. Speaking solely of the position accorded to them by law, Mr. Lawrence said the law allowed the wishes of the father to override those of the mother in every detail of home life. The husband alone had the right to decide where the home should be, how it should be kept, what servants they should have, how the children should be brought up, how they should be educated and what religion they should have. Speaking of the working woman, Mr. Lawrence pointed out that she had no effective claim for maintenance on her husband, though she gave up all independent means of earning a livelihood and devoted herself to home duties. The wife had no right to a share of money earned in common, and the husband could leave by will all the product of such joint labour to some other person.

Dr. Hamilton began by saying that Anti-Suffragists were fond of suggesting as a reason why women should not have the vote that women were not suited to deal with foreign policy. From her own experience she had come to the conclusion that foreign policy was not very safe left solely in the hands of men.

Some years back, through a chain of events that would not interest her audience, she became the physician to the Court of Afghanistan. Before accepting this position she had had to sign a paper stating that she was outside the pale of British interference; but she would not have supposed that the British Government would have gone out of their way for no purpose to make her position as difficult as possible. She told many stories showing the respect with which she was treated in Afghanistan, and the importance of the work which she had to do. At one time, when the Ameer was at war, she was the sole surgeon to the army, and had on one occasion over 700 men waiting to be attended to by her. When the son of the Ameer decided to come on a visit to England the Ameer laid a special injunction upon her to keep constant charge of him. The Ameer, who was rather suspicious of all Europeans owing to his having at one time been detained as a prisoner in Russia, had an idea that if his son went alone, and had no one he knew and really trusted with him, he, too, might be detained in prison in England, and so he even went so far as to get a promise from Dr. Hamilton that if his son were imprisoned she would accompany him to the prison! During the early stages of the journey no difficulty arose. Dr. Lillias Hamilton, who, as physician to the Court, was in charge of the health of the son of the Ameer and of the other members of the party, was in constant attendance.

British Officials Cause Trouble.

The first difficulty arose when they reached Egypt, when the British officials made a determined effort to persuade Dr. Hamilton to leave the party and travel overland to England, while the Ameer's son and the others went by the sea route. The only reason that they gave for this was that it was unseemly that a woman should accompany these men. The Ameer's son, to whom this proposition was explained, stated that unless she was allowed to accompany them he should at once return to Afghanistan, and Dr. Hamilton, in view of her promise to the Ameer, took a similar stand, and the British officials were obliged to give way. But the same attitude was adopted throughout the whole tour of the young prince. Efforts were made, which were frequently successful, to separate her from the party, and while treating them with respect to show her the utmost discourtesy. The only excuse given was the impropriety of a woman accompanying the male members of the Court. As if, said Dr. Hamilton, there would have been considered any impropriety in a male European doctor accompanying a number of Chinese princesses to England. On the return journey to Afghanistan the London police authorities very nearly caused her to miss the train at Victoria by refusing to allow her cab to go with the rest of the party and forcing her down into a side street so that she only succeeded in rejoining them by climbing over the railings and taking her luggage with her.

Dr. Lillias Hamilton pointed out that it was not for personal considerations she told this story. She had never told it in public before, and she did so to-day merely in order to point out how a woman, because she was a

woman, was liable to be treated by the British officials, and how serious were the consequences that ensued.

On the return of the party to Afghanistan the young prince discussed with his father the reasons for the slights which had been put upon the doctor, and the Ameer finally came to the conclusion that this had been a form of studied insult to himself because the British authorities well knew that it was she who had saved his life. From this time forward the attitude of the Ameer to Great Britain was considerably changed, and not long afterwards Dr. Lillias Hamilton left the country. On her way down to the frontier she was struck by various signs of warlike preparations; and the idea gradually took root in her mind that hostility was threatened between that country and Great Britain. This was confirmed by the attitude towards herself of the Afghani population on the border. She therefore considered it her duty when she arrived in British territory to give the benefit of her impressions to the governor and some of the military officials. She advised them to take the necessary precautions and to examine the situation for themselves. Her advice was treated as "women's tales," and the officers of the Gordon Highlanders to whom her report was given scouted her idea of an attack from Afghanistan. Three weeks later the Afghans made a surprise attack upon the village through which she had passed and burned it to the ground. They also surprised the Gordon Highlanders, and a large number of them were cut to pieces.

These things, said Dr. Hamilton, made her realise how little is thought of a woman's word to-day, and convinced her that the Empire, instead of being jeopardised by the introduction of women's point of view, would be saved from many of the mistakes which were being made at the present time.

WELSH SUFFRAGETTES.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence addressed two very successful and enthusiastic meetings in Wales last week. At both a resolution urging the passage of the Conciliation Bill was unanimously passed. An interesting point about the meeting at Pontypool is that it is in Mr. McKenna's constituency, and a resolution calling upon him to support the Bill, by voting against wrecking amendments, and doing everything in his power to get the Bill passed into law during the session of 1912, was also passed unanimously amid much enthusiasm. Miss Rachael Barrett followed with a very able speech, pointing out exactly how members of the general public can bring their pressure to bear upon Cabinet Ministers, and a deputation to Mr. McKenna is being arranged. At Newport a resolution was passed calling upon the Member, Mr. L. Haslam (Monmouth Boroughs), to remember his duty with regard to the Bill. Very great amusement was caused among the audience at this meeting by the reminder of Mr. McKenna's words in reference to the latchkey vote, that for a man to be deprived of his franchise was "more than flesh or blood could bear." The application of the quotation was abundantly evident to those in the audience, namely, that while a few men are thus deprived of the vote, no one woman in the whole of the United Kingdom has a vote at all.

MRS. PETHICK LAWRENCE IN SCOTLAND.

At the conclusion of her Welsh visit Mrs. Pethick Lawrence travelled to Scotland and addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting in the Synod Hall, Edinburgh, on Monday night. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence ably summed up the political situation and pointed out the dangers threatening the Conciliation Bill. Mr. B. J. Mackenzie, also spoke and Mrs. James Ivory presided over the meeting. A splendid collection was taken.

MRS. PANKHURST IN AMERICA.

Further particulars have come to hand of Mrs. Pankhurst's arrival in America, and it is delightful to read that the large party of women who waited to welcome her were all carrying flags in the colours, and that Mrs. Brannan's house in West Street also had purple, white, and green flags floating from all the windows.

One paper says that "hundreds of militant suffrage flags waved a greeting," and tells how the cheers begun as Mrs. Pankhurst came down the pier, and what a wonderfully enthusiastic welcome she received. The *New York Evening World* describes her as "the fourteen-inch gun of the militant suffrage party."

Mrs. Pankhurst was delighted to hear of the automobile and the sandwich parades of the Brooklyn suffragists. American women are, indeed, showing splendid activity, and we learn that in Massachusetts a party of women in a motor car are pursuing the Republican candidate for Governor from town to town in his canvass, heckling him on his suffrage views, and flashing "Votes for Women" banners before his audiences. There are also plans for torchlight processions and out-of-door meetings.

Meetings have been arranged at the following places:—
Oct. 27—Bridgeport, Conn. Dec. 6—Havard.
" 28—Bryn Mawr, Pa. " 7—Providence, R. I.
" 30—Baltimore, Md. " 8—North Adams, Mass.
Nov. 2—St. Louis, Mo. " 10—Syracuse, N. Y.
" 8—Chicago, Ill. " 11—Montreal, Canada.
" 21—Lincoln, Neb. " 12—Toronto, Canada.
Dec. 1—Hartford, Conn. " 15—Port Arthur, Canada.
" 2—Greenwich, Conn. " 16—Port Arthur, Canada.
" 4—Newark, N. J.
" 6—Boston, Mass.

THE HOUR AND THE WOMAN.

At the London Pavilion on Monday, Miss Pankhurst, who presided, was supported by Mrs. Reynolds, of Colorado, the Rev. Stanley James, and Mr. Pethick Lawrence. In her opening remarks, Miss Pankhurst dealt humorously with some anti-Suffrage ideas, and discussed the demand that women shall vote under the Home Rule Bill. The Rev. Stanley James had a most hearty reception. With regard to the Conciliation Bill, he said, the action of Mr. Lloyd George was a strange one. He had been counselling them to lend their aid to the Insurance Bill in order that by and by they might prepare some measure which should trend towards the prevention of sickness. But with regard to the franchise for women, Mr. Lloyd George was on the other side. He was not satisfied with the measure that went only half way; or, at any rate, he professed not to be satisfied with it, because it did not go far enough.

This and other movements were closely co-ordinated with all the other causes of reform that were on foot to-day. On every hand are signs that the Government generally is extending its sphere of influence more and more over such matters as once were considered to be beyond its sphere. If this is left entirely to men alone they will blunder terribly. But now, just at the time when this new task is being undertaken, there comes to their assistance a regiment, prepared by long and arduous past service for this very task; a regiment of those, who by their own nature are constituted to undertake this very work to which we as a nation are called at the present time, and this appearance of woman upon the political stage is timed exactly by the clock, as it were exactly to the hour, when she is most needed. If we are to continue as a nation as we are at present, those parties who have for long held the franchise and have taken the front place upon the political platform would soon show, as they have already, some signs of flagging energy. But there come to their assistance to-day two great forces. They come first of all from that great industrial population, which at present is heaving as it were under our feet; but there is also a still greater amount of life energy which, so far as the political world is concerned, has up to the present been lying as fallow ground. Woman has had a great education in the past, she has been trained for a noble work, but she has not been called upon to take her energies into the political battle. To-day we are calling upon woman's energies, and fresh blood, to infuse energy into the attacking forces in the political world.

Mrs. Reynolds, who, as a Colorado woman, had taken a foremost place in the fight for the vote in Washington, spoke on the success of Woman Suffrage in the States. The meeting concluded with an address on the Insurance Bill by Mr. Pethick Lawrence.

MR. BRACE, M.P., AND THE BILL.

On Monday, October 23, Mr. Brace (Labour Member for South Glamorgan), received a deputation of members of the W.S.P.U. and N.U.W.S.S. resident in his constituency, with reference to the Conciliation Bill. The members of the deputation were Miss Hamilton (President of the Barry W.S.P.U.), Mrs. Jones (Hon. Sec.), Mrs. Corbett, of Penarth, Miss Mary Jones, of Dinas Powis, Mrs. Price, of Whitechurch (all W.S.P.U.). From the N.U.W.S.S., Mrs. Edgar Jones, of Barry, and Mrs. Sibbering Jones, of Barry. Mr. Brace stated that he had always been a convinced suffragist. He was in favour of adult suffrage, but considered that that was so far only in its academic stage; there was no agitation for it in the country. He had supported and would support the Conciliation Bill as a measure which had a secure majority in the House, which the people of the country were prepared to accept. He undertook not to vote for any widening amendments unless the Government would make itself responsible for getting these amendments carried. He undertook also to vote only for such amendments as were approved of by the Woman Suffrage societies in his constituency. The deputation then thanked Mr. Brace for receiving them and withdrew.

The suffrage resolution expressing sympathy with women teachers who are debarred from the vote has been passed by the Oldham and the Barry Associations.

WOMAN BEFORE THE LAW.

Some striking proofs of the low "legal value" of women have been afforded by cases reported this week. A summons taken out by a wife against her husband for knocking her about, blackening her eye and threatening to cut her throat, was amended to one of desertion, the Bench holding that as he had "only once" before struck the complainant there was no evidence of persistent cruelty! At the Old Bailey a man shot his wife; he had been greatly provoked but the act was deliberate, as he went to fetch a pistol to do it. The jury altered the charge to one of manslaughter and the sentence was six months in the second division.

Referring to the article entitled "Is the English Law Unjust to Women," which appeared recently in *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, M. A. P. says:—"Of course, most of those laws were made at a time when people were not so advanced as they are now, and a law once made requires a lot of killing. People who talk glibly about 'woman's happy lot' probably do not know any of the above facts. It is because they are facts that everyone should know that I have quoted them from Mr. Pethick Lawrence's article; too much publicity cannot be given to them."

OUR POST BOX.

VOTES FOR IRISHWOMEN.

To the Editors of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.

Dear Editors.—In connection with the demand of Irishwomen for the vote under the Home Rule Bill, it is interesting to remember that in 1361 and 1362 eleven women (I think they were all Countesses), having landed property in Ireland, were summoned in person to attend the "Great Council," then deliberating on Irish affairs. At that time the Great Council was tending to take the place of the full Parliament in legislation. I have not had time to search out the authority, but I am sure of the fact. It is referred to by Stubbs in his "Constitutional History," chap. xx. (Vol. III, p. 439, note, of my edition).—Yours, etc.,

HENRY W. NEVINSON.

4, Downside Crescent,
Hampstead, N.W., October 24.

THE LEGAL STATUS OF SCOTSWOMEN

To the Editors of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.

DEAR EDITORS.—As a Scotswoman, proud of the bravery and chivalry of Scottish men and of the superiority of Scottish laws, may I be allowed to state as briefly as possible just a few points to show the superior legal status of Scottish women over English women. I may mention to begin with, that in Church law in Scotland, the Scotswoman possesses the ecclesiastical franchise. Since the abolition of patronage about forty years ago, the clergy are elected by the votes of the people of the parish who belong to the church, men and women, without any distinction of sex. As girl, woman, wife, and widow the legal status of the Scotswoman is superior to that of her English sister. Scots law does not permit a man of means to leave his widow and children on the parish. He is compelled to leave at least one third to his wife and one third to his children. In the event of there being no family he is obliged to leave his wife one half. His daughters share equally with their brothers (landed property excepted). A Scotswoman is not called upon to prove more than unfaithfulness on the part of her husband to obtain a divorce. The trickery of a bogus marriage cannot be played off upon a Scotswoman. The law looks to the spirit more than the letter in regard to how a marriage ceremony has been performed, and such a thing as a sham marriage is impossible. The law would not allow either party to repudiate it, if seriously acted upon as a marriage. Again, no Scotswoman in her own country can be led astray deceitfully under promise of marriage without having it in her power to apply to the court to pronounce her the man's lawful wife. This pronouncement of the court carries with it at the same time the legitimatising of her child, entitling the child to all the full legal status of such. Again, where there is no promise of marriage, but evidence of a persistent attachment is shown by there being a family of three children, a Scotswoman is permitted by law to apply to the court for what is called "Declarator of marriage." The court, on hearing proof, pronounces her the man's lawful wife, and in doing so legitimatises all three children.—Yours, etc.,

(Miss) CECILIA MACKENZIE.

16, Palace Gardens Terrace, W.

A WOMAN'S HONOUR.

To the Editors of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.

Dear Editors.—I see in the article, "A Woman's Honour" in *VOTES FOR WOMEN* for Oct. 13, a protest against the law against solicitation being applicable only to women. Will you allow me to correct this? I have the authority of the local agent for the "National Vigilance Association" for saying that the law was amended two or three years ago, so as to make it applicable to men also.—Yours, etc.,

(Mrs.) C. E. FERRIS.

[The law to which our correspondent refers is presumably the following section of the Vagrancy Act of 1898:—"Every male person who in any public place persistently solicits or importunes for immoral purposes shall be deemed a rogue and vagabond within the meaning of the Vagrancy Act, 1824, and may be dealt with accordingly." We would point out that this is very different from the law which applies to women, and as a matter of fact has very rarely if ever been enforced.—Ed., *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.]

IS THE ENGLISH LAW UNJUST TO WOMEN?

To the Editors of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.

Dear Editors.—With reference to the most interesting article on the above subject in *VOTES FOR WOMEN* I should like to ask a question. In the case of childbirth where only one life can be saved (either the mother or the child), is it law that the husband has the power of life and death over his wife? That he has the legal power to say which shall be saved? I know of a case not twenty years ago where the doctor definitely asked the husband: "Which do you wish to be saved, your wife or the child?" Again, three years ago, I knew of a case where the doctor turned to the husband and said: "Of course, you want your wife saved?" Now, in the first case, the doctor asked directly for the man's ultimatum in the matter, and in the second, there is the supposition that the husband has the power of life and death over his wife. As this is a vital and most serious matter for women, will you kindly state whether husbands have this power over their wives' lives, or if the law has been repealed—when? Thanking you in anticipation, —Yours, etc.,

FORWARD.

[We believe that our correspondent correctly states the law.—Ed. *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.]

A very amusing suffrage play, "Woman's One Weakness," is being acted as a curtain-raiser to "When Knights Were Bold," in the provinces. A correspondent says: "It is not only good propaganda, but is most natural and amusing, with nothing of the tract wrapped up in a play about it." The stage is decorated in the colours, with copies of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* and posters on the walls.

Miss Billington, the well-known member of the *Daily Telegraph* staff, will represent the Society of Women Journalists at the Indian Bazaar.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FÊTE.

December 4 to 9.

Preparations for the Christmas Fair and Fête at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, from December 4 to 9, are going well forward. From all, rich and poor alike, come offers of help and gifts in kind and money. Specially touching is the news which reaches us from many outlying villages of the way in which the village people are helping. Married women with families, who cannot afford to give and have little spare time, are yet giving that little to working for the Fair. At one village in Worcestershire the keenest interest is taken by the poor people in helping a local member to make things for one of the stalls; even the village saddler, when he heard that they were making toy donkeys, offered to make the miniature bridles. Lady Willoughby de Broke and the Marchioness of Downshire have kindly promised their patronage, and the latter will be present at the Fair as a seller at her stall. The former has sent a gift of real Harris and other tweeds, besides socks and stockings. The company who are playing "Alice in Wonderland" at the Actresses' Franchise League Matinée to-day (Friday), (Miss Eva Moore, Mr. Ernest Thesiger, Mr. Lytton Gray, and Mr. T. Weguelin) have kindly promised another performance at the Fair on the afternoon of December 5. Mr. Hayden Coffin and Miss Elsie Spain have consented to sing during the week, by kind permission of Mr. George Edwards. Miss Lena Ashwell has also kindly promised to help.

Miss Ellen Smith, W.S.P.U. Offices, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., earnestly appeals to London members and friends able to provide hospitality for any members from the country to send in their names as soon as possible.

Contributors are reminded that all contributions to the stalls should be sent to the Stall Secretaries (see below), and should be packed most carefully. Some parcels of glassware have been received in a damaged condition.

STALLS AND STALL SECRETARIES.

ANTIQUE STALL	Mrs. Thomas, Llanwrn Park, Newport, Mon.	MARY INVENTIONS	Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton, Somerset.
ART AND CRAFT STALL	Miss Blacklock, 308, King's Road, Chelsea.	MILLINERY	Mrs. Reginald Pott, 11, Scarsdale Villas, Kensington.
BASKETS AND BAGS	Mrs. Malcolm Evans, 37, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol.	OLD FOLK'S STALL	Mrs. Keeling, 24, Bishop's Mansions, Fulham, S.W.
BLOUSE STALL	Miss Jessie Pease, 347, Goswell Road, E.C.	POTTERY AND CHINTZ ..	Mrs. Hicks, 178, Finchley Road, Hampstead.
BOOK STALL	Miss Crates, 143, Church Street, Notting Hill Gate, W.	PARCEL STALL (including paper, net and string bags)	Miss Hilda Garrett, 1, Stonard Road, Palmer's Green, N.
CHRISTMAS FARE AND FARM PRODUCE	Mrs. Marshall, 88, York Street, Buckingham Gate, S.W.	PRESENTS FOR MEN ...	Mrs. Harverson, 8, Mayfield Road, Boyne Park, Tunbridge Wells.
FLOWERS	Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silent St., Ipswich.	SOAP, SCENT, & HAND-KERCHIEFS	Miss Wilson, 5, East Cliff, Dover.
CUSHIONS AND MATS (of all descriptions)	The Hon. Mrs. Haverall, 10, Prad Street, Paddington.	SWEET STALL	Miss Muriel Thompson and Miss Leggat, 48, Queen's Gate, S.W. (last 3 days).
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (1 to 8 years)	Mrs. Lamartine Yates, 5, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon.	TOY STALL	Mrs. Cather, Red Cottage, Cavendish Road, Redhill (2nd 3 days).
CURIOS AND BRIC-A-BRAC	Miss Willson, 34, Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, S.W.	UNDERCLOTHING	Miss Leonora Tyson, 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham, S.W.
DRESSES, DJIBBAHS, & OVERALLS	Miss Dorothy Pethick, 14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.	WELSH STALL	Mrs. Mackworth, Llan-sar, Caerleon, Mon.
GUESSING AND COMPETITION	Mrs. Cameron-Swan, 2, Station Bldgs, W. Croydon.	WOOLLEN STALL	Miss Elira Wheeler, Middleton Lodge, Cheltenham.
HERTFORDSHIRE STALL, Household and Furnishings.	Mrs. Impey, 2, Whinbush Road, Hitchin, Herts.	SPECIAL COLOUR STALL LITERATURE "VOTES FOR WOMEN"	Woman's Press.
HOUSE LINEN	Mrs. Walter Dodgson, Holmsey, Woodlesford, near Leeds.	FAIR SECTION	Men's Political Union (A. Macdonald, 11, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.)
JEWELLERY AND GLASS	Miss Julia Green, 379, Harborne Road, Edgbaston.		
LACE, EMBROIDERY, & ART METAL WORK	Miss Florence E. Cobb, 8, North St., Quadrant, Brighton.		
LUCKY TUBS	Mrs. East, 21, Brandenburgh Road, Chiswick.		

Reports from Organisers.

Mrs. Hollings, Watchetts, Primley, Surrey, and the Committee who are managing the Refreshment Room are most grateful for offers of help already received, but, in view of the great number of people expected, and the fact that the Committee has to supply teas and suppers for six days, they most earnestly ask for further assistance. The provisions required are hams, tongues, chickens, ducks, pressed beef, cakes, etc. Mrs. Sykes, The Warren, Birkdale, has most generously promised to provide all tea, coffee and butter required for the whole week. Offers of personal service as attendants in the tea and supper rooms are also much needed.

Miss Elira Wheeler, Middleton Lodge, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, wishes to thank Miss S. White for the two beautifully-made woollen coats that were sent her. All woollen goods received by the other stallholders would be gratefully received by Miss Wheeler, who will be only too pleased to send any other kind of goods suitable for other stalls she may receive.

Mrs. Pertwee writes she has secured some new names, including Miss Lena Ashwell, Miss Grace Crocker, Miss Nellie Sargent, Miss Molly Verden, Miss Marten Cunningham, Miss Alice Prowse, Miss Aurio Jones, and Miss Maud Aldis. Dramatic particulars will be shortly announced.

Mrs. East, "Homeleigh," Brandenburgh Road, Gunnersbury, writes:—Will you kindly thank all those who have sent parcels for the Lucky Tubs. A great many more are wanted, and Mrs. East will be glad if other friends will send some things along quickly; she would also be glad of pieces for dressing dolls, making bags, etc.

The M.P.U. secretary earnestly asks those members who are intending to help—with personal service, donations, or goods—to do so at once. There is something for everyone to do now—those who can only give a few hours a day, and those who can give their whole time will be alike welcome. He writes: "We want the help and co-operation of all the members before and during the Fair to make it the success it must be. There are divers ways in which one can help to make it a success:—(1) by coming to the office, seeing what is being done, and then helping in the way one best can; (2) by offering help during the Fair to take charge of, or help at, the shooting range, shies, roundabout, Punch and Judy show, or the Christmas-tree Hoop-la; (3) by promising financial help to pay the cost of making the roundabout and the shies, and by sending small gifts for the Hoop-la table. All communications should be addressed to A. R. Macdonald, Fair Secretary, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.

Miss Hald and Miss Blacklock, 308, King's Road, Chelsea, beg to thank all those who have promised gifts for the Art Stall, a great many more are needed. The following sketches have been arranged, the following artists having promised to undertake them: Miss K. Streathfield, Miss Margaret Forbes, Miss Avern Pease, and Mrs. Bird. One or two more artists would be welcomed; names should be sent to Miss Margaret Forbes, 218, King's Road, Chelsea. More workers are needed at the work meeting on Wednesday afternoon, 2.30 to 4.30, at the office. Gratefully acknowledged, Miss Joachim, 88, and Miss F. White, 4c. 6d., towards shop expenses.

Mrs. Cather, Red Cottage, Cavendish Road, Redhill, will be glad to receive names of those wishing to enter for the fancy sweet-box competition, particulars of which will be forwarded on application. Names should be sent in immediately as October 30 is the last date on which entries will be received.

Miss Cobb, 8, North Street, Quadrant, Brighton.

reports that the next work party will be at the office on Monday, October 30, from 3 to 6 p.m. It is proposed to have one in the afternoon and one in the evening each week, so that all members can attend one time or the other. For dates of these see notice in the office. The time is getting short and very much remains to be done. Members who are doing work at home are asked to let the Fête Secretary know, as soon as possible, how much they are able to contribute. Many thanks to Mrs. Milne for Indian embroidered curtains, to Miss Evelyn Sharp for lace, Mrs. Franklin for crochet lace, Miss Davies and Mrs. Parsons for lace and white work, and to Miss Strachan for 2s. for material fund.

Mrs. Keeling, 24, Bishop's Mansions, Fulham, writes that she has many garments, chiefly dressing-gowns and dressing-jackets, cut out ready to make up, and would be glad of offers of help in making these up either from friends who would attend work parties or who would do the work at home. Work parties are held every Tuesday, 2.30 to 6 p.m., and every Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Shop, 905, Fulham Road. She would also be glad to receive goods such as writing boards, hot bottle covers, coal gloves, bedroom slippers, old ladies' caps, doctory bags, spectacle cases, shawls, kettle-holders, etc. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Furley Smith, shawls; Miss Cullen, bed-socks; Miss Lelacheur, promise of goods.

Mrs. E. B. Impey, 2, Whinbush Road, Hitchin, gratefully acknowledges: Mrs. Francis Smith, £1; Mrs. Gilliat (Chorley Wood), towards expenses, £3 3s.; Miss Lily Newman (Chorley Wood), by sale of eggs, 2s. 6d.; and "Chums" 10s. 3d.

Mrs. Cockledge, 12, Foxbourne Road, Balham, S.W., reports that at the work party on Saturday last, Mrs. Yorke, of 2, Huron Road, very kindly promised the use of her drawing-room on November 4 for the same purpose. Will members please note time: from 3 to 6 p.m. Members who have not yet been able to attend the work parties will be welcome. Best thanks to all members who are doing such helpful work in dressing dolls and contributing materials.

Miss Wilson, 5, East Cliff, Dover, begs to remind candidates for the Soap Competition, that Saturday, November 25, is the last date on which collections can be received. They should be sent to Miss Worsfold, 45, Bonavia Road West, Folkestone. Fresh entries may still be made. Competitors are also reminded that, in awarding the prizes, consideration will be given to the packing, which should be in dainty boxes, done up in purple, white and green. Miss Burch, the Canterbury Bazaar Secretary, acknowledges gratefully the following donations:—Messrs. Hollamby and Williams, handkerchiefs; Mr. W. Holmes, soap; Mrs. Holmes, scent; Mrs. W. Hunt, handkerchiefs; Mrs. Broughton, handkerchiefs. To the Shilling Fund: Miss Macmaster, £1; Mrs. R. Finn, 1s.; Miss Jacob, 1s.

Miss Crates, 143, Church Street, Notting Hill Gate, will be glad to receive contributions of books or money to buy books for Kensington Stall. All sorts of new books are required, especially those suitable for Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Merton, Surrey, reports that some intending purchasers have responded to the offer made by Wimbledon to carry out orders for children's garments, and this is proving a mutual benefit; it is hoped more will follow their excellent example. Will someone present the work party with white muslin, fine longcloth, and nainsook, and offer to do this finer white work. Gifts of fine torchon lace, valenciennes, white and cream ribbon for threading babies things, and turkey towelling will be much appreciated. More quick-knitters are also much in demand as orders for knitted goods are coming in more quickly than they can be met. A supply

of tiny celluloid boxes will also be welcome; who will volunteer? It is intended to have an exhibition of the goods which will go to the Portman Rooms on November 22. No time, therefore, should be lost in sending in finished things, that the pricing committee may get to work; it would assist them materially if those members who are supplying their own stuff would intimate the net cost. A first-rate smocker is still needed to cope with an order, and embroideresses for neat but simple work. A local draper has kindly promised a surprise gift parcel, but wishes to remain anonymous, it being a gift of real sympathy and not an advertisement. The Union thanks him. Workers, don't forget the party at the office on Tuesday, at 2.30. Come punctually, and make an effort to stay the whole time!

Miss Leonora Tyson, 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham, reports that at the members' meeting last Tuesday it was decided that an exhibition of the toys received should be held prior to the Fair and Fête at 37, Drewstead Road, Streatham, and therefore contributions towards Toy Stall must be sent in to Miss Leonora Tyson by Wednesday, November 29. The Hon. Secretary begs to point out that contributors will greatly enhance the value of their gifts by sending them in as early as possible. Many thanks to all who have already done so. More promises of small toys suitable for Christmas stockings will be welcome, and dolls' clothes, lines and pegs are needed to fill six clothes baskets which have been received.

Miss Tyson is delighted to report that decorations for a real German Christmas Tree, which is to form one of the chief attractions of the Fair and Fête, have been promised on behalf of German Suffragists by Dr. Anita Augspurg and Fr. L. G. Heymann, the leaders of the agitation for Votes for Women in Germany. Who will be the Suffragettes to complete the scheme by providing a tree worthy of the decorations so generously promised? Will those who wish to contribute, or any member who may be able to supply the tree itself, please communicate with Miss Tyson as soon as possible.

Visitors to the Fair must not forget to see "Some 'Antis,' Mr. Punch, and a Suffragette." This is a mysterious little performance, being arranged by Miss Wallace Dunlop and Miss Downing. It will be given twice a day at 5.30 and 6.30. Admission, price 6d.

No article should be sold from any stall except as clear profit to the funds of the Union, and no agreement with manufacturers or others as to percentage can under any circumstances be allowed.

IRISH WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

Office—22, Wellington Place, Belfast.

On Monday, October 16, Mr. Porter, B.L., gave a splendid paper on "The Insurance Bill." There was a good attendance, and questions led to a good deal of discussion. The general impression was that this much debated and discussed measure was another instance of the woman's point of view being only partially considered. The secretary hopes that members are bearing in mind the Sale of Work to be held on December 4. Contributions of money, material, and anything suitable will be gratefully acknowledged. Poster Parade as usual on Wednesday next, at 4, to advertise Miss Pankhurst's visit on November 23. Tickets, 2s. and 1s., may be had from the Secretary.

MRS. MARGARET MURPHY.

Only a few days remain before October 31, and friends are reminded to get as many names as possible to the petition for Mrs. Murphy's release before that date. Already some thousands of names have come in, but when members realise how sadly important the matter is, they will see that it is "up to them" to get all the names they can. All petition forms should be sent in not later than October 31, and should be addressed to Miss Lennox, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

MISS MALECKA.

A message from Warsaw states that Miss Kate Malecka, the British subject who was arrested six months ago on the charge of belonging to the Polish Socialist Party, and who has since been incarcerated in the Warsaw citadel, has been released, the surety of 20,000 roubles (£2,000) required by the Russian judicial authorities having been found by friends in England. Her trial, on a charge which no one seems to know, is to take place in December.

Dr. Ethel Smyth's overture to her opera "The Wreckers" will be quite easily stood comparison with the "Flying Dutchman" overture, with which the (Philharmonic) concert began.

—E. N. in the Birmingham Post, October 19.

MISS KENNEY'S REPORT.

Miss Annie Kenney reports:—"It is just three weeks since I arrived in Wigan. I made my way direct to Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P., to ask if he would take the chair at the meeting. Mr. Walsh readily responded, and helped in every possible way to make the meeting a success. Mrs. Archdale joined me a few days after my arrival, and we spent some of our time calling on various people. We have seen the girls at work on seven different pits where we were both agreeably surprised. The work is neither so hard nor so responsible as the work in a cotton factory. Never have I seen workers look so bright and happy. Wherever we went, wherever we called on we found kindness and interest in our cause. It was decided that the women themselves should choose their own speakers from each mine. This they did. The day before the meeting we heard that Mr. Neville, M.P., was in Wigan, so we called on him and asked him if he would kindly support us at our meeting. Though he had three meetings the same night, he generously consented to do so.

The meeting for the pit-brow women of Wigan and district on October 18 passed all our expectations. The women came from short distances and they came from long distances. The hall was packed to overflowing; one could scarcely move. The enthusiasm was unbounded, and each section was keen and excited when their particular speaker's turn came to express the opinions of herself and her comrades. To say that these women are apathetic about the prohibition of their labour is not true. Never have I come across a body of workers more indignant about the scandalous things that have been said both in regard to the work and to their personal character. Anyone attending the meeting would have realised that the day has gone by for ever when women's work can be interfered with or derisive things said against them without women banding themselves together and actively protesting against such attacks.

Mrs. Archdale and I would like to thank (through the columns of VOTES FOR WOMEN) all those people, both men and women, who helped so splendidly, and who were responsible for the fine, representative gathering. It would take too much space to mention each individually. The Editors will be pleased to hear that VOTES FOR WOMEN was almost sold out. A friend has kindly offered to send each speaker a copy of this week's paper, to be passed round to all her work-mates. I should like to make another appeal for financial help. The work during the remainder of the time will be among municipal women and their candidates. I have to acknowledge this week 10s. from Miss Kemp."

Speaking at York on the Insurance Bill last Monday, Mr. Philip Snowden referred to the unfair treatment of women under the Insurance Bill, especially in Maternity Benefit and the treatment of married women. Mr. Lloyd George received many deputations of men, said Mr. Snowden, but not of women. Why? Because the men would express their opinions by means of the ballot box, while women were powerless to do so.

The Countess of Selborne was the speaker at a very successful drawing-room meeting held on October 12 by the Hon. Lady Shelley at Avington Park, Alresford. Lady Selborne's admirable speech on the subject of Women's Franchise was greatly appreciated.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Elocution Mistress—Miss Rosa Leo, 43, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The subject for to-night's class will be "The Insurance Bill as it affects Women," and next week "The Unjust Position of Women under the Law." A very useful book, called "Woman under the Law," can be obtained from the Woman's Press, price fourpence, which will be of great help to those wanting facts; also Mr. Pethick Lawrence's article "Is the Law Unjust to Women?" which is published as a leaflet. Miss Leo's private classes (open to members of the W.S.P.U. only) are held every Saturday, at 4 p.m., and every Tuesday, at 7.45 p.m., at 41, Norfolk Square, by kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton. All communications about these private classes should be addressed to Miss Leo, and those about the public ones to Miss Hale.

THE "PRESS BOYCOTT," and "CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE."

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BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Stratford Road. A very enjoyable evening was arranged by Mrs. Shalard, of Sunnyside, Hadley, on Tuesday, October 17, when a number of members and friends met together and enjoyed a varied programme of recitations, music and speeches. Warm thanks to Mrs. Weedon, who generously recited. The secretary would be glad to hear of any members who are willing to help in arranging similar social evenings during the winter.

BOWES PARK AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Organiser—Miss H. Gargett, 4, Stenard Rd., Palmer's Green.

A meeting has been arranged at Hazelwood Lane School on November 14 at which Lady Constance Lytton will speak. Members must make every effort to advertise the meeting. Tickets will be ready shortly; in the meantime get your friends to keep that date free.

CHELSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Halg and Miss Blacklock. Canvassers are needed to visit the women municipal voters. Do members realise that unless more volunteers come forward for paper-selling the Knightsbridge pitch will have to be given up? More sellers are also wanted for Monday's sale (see programme). They should be at the office not later than 2 p.m.

CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong, 34, Elspeth Road, Lavender Hill, S.W.

Plans for the social evening on November 3 (see programme), are now complete. Miss Winifred Carey, A.P.L., has kindly promised to sing and Miss Maida Jordan-Hill will recite. Please return any unsold tickets as soon as possible. Meetings on the common will be discontinued after Sunday next, October 29. Grateful thanks to Mrs. Hale for gift of 200 cards for social.

CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 959 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.

Tickets for competition evening, 6d. each, can be obtained at the shop; proceeds to go to the Shop Fund. Members, please read programme carefully for future meetings; all are cordially invited. Stewards are wanted for November 2 and November 6; the shop secretary will be glad of volunteers. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Edna I., 2s. 1d.; Jackson, Jillson, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Edwards, 2s. 6d.; Miss Neiligan, 2s.; Miss Withall, 1s.; Miss C. I. Green, 2s.

EALING.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road. Mrs. Fraser Forbes, 72, Argyle Road. There was a large attendance at the Speakers' Class on October 18, when Miss O'Connell Hayes gave many valuable hints to prospective speakers. Members are reminded of the Jumble Sale to-day and to-morrow (see programme).

EAST END.

Organiser—Mrs. Ayrton Gould, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

In response to the special appeal last week for Mrs. Ayrton Gould's East End campaign, over £10 has been already contributed, with the result that Mrs. Ayrton Gould has been able to select a very suitable shop and to map out a vigorous plan of work. Owing to the fact that the people in these East End districts are too poor to contribute very much towards the expenses, Mrs. Ayrton Gould would be exceedingly glad to receive offers of services and of leisure, and also of funds. She appeals especially to the women who live amid comfort and luxury in the West End, to go down with her and to see with their own eyes the heroic struggle against poverty which is the daily lot of their poorer sisters.

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—305, Fulham Road. Hon. Secs.—Miss L. Cutten and Mrs. Roberts. The treasurer makes an earnest appeal for donations towards the special local contributions to be handed in

at the Albert Hall meeting. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Cameron, 2s. 6d.; "A sympathiser" 10s. Tickets for the Albert Hall (1s. and 6d.), for the Men's League meeting at Chelsea Town Hall (1s.), and for the two debates at the small Queen's Hall on October 27 and November 6 (2s. 6d. and 1s.) are on sale.

GREENWICH, DEPTFORD & WOOLWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Billingham, 7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E. Tickets for Miss Pankhurst's meeting in the Woolwich Town Hall on November 6 are selling rapidly. Members are urged to see that not a single ticket is left over. Friends must make every effort to help at the numerous out-door meetings to be held during the next fortnight (see programme). Mrs. Drummond has kindly promised to speak in Beresford Square, on November 1, on Adult Suffrage, and members should make her meeting widely known. Sympathisers should assist at the poster-parades to be held on Saturday, October 28, and Saturday, November 4, at 3 o'clock. The starting place will be in New Road. Jumble parcels are needed and can be sent to the sec.

HACKNEY.

Office—75, Lower Clapton Road. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. W. Jones, 30, Pembury Road. There was a good meeting on Friday when Mrs. Ridge spoke on the "Employment of Married Women in Schools." The lecture was followed by an animated discussion.

HAMMERSMITH.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss Haarb'elcher, 67, Queensborough Terrace, Bayswater, W. It is hoped the new office will open next week, but the address cannot yet be published. Will members and friends carefully read next week's VOTES FOR WOMEN?

HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—175, Finchley Road. Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Hicks and Miss C. Collier. Over £24 has been realised at the Jumble Sale. Heartly thanks to the staff of the Holmes Road girls' school who gave the members of the W.S.P.U. such ungrudging and efficient help. Mrs. John Gulich has a large band at work on the canvass of municipal women in the Town Ward. An effort will be made to get into personal touch with all who sign the paper as "indifferent" on the question of VOTES FOR WOMEN. Members and friends are looking forward to meeting Miss Evelyn Sharp and Mr. Laurence Housman at the reception to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 65, Cranbrook Road. The meetings on Wednesday and Saturday were addressed by Miss M. Harvey. Saturday's meeting was especially successful as a large crowd listened attentively to papers and extremely well. The work parties have done well and several generous promises have been received from members and friends. Subscriptions gratefully acknowledged from Miss M. Harvey and Miss Regan.

ISLINGTON.

Office—317, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Gassaway. As open-air meetings will be discontinued for the present, members are asked to give all their spare time to making the Blouse Stall a success. There will be sewing meetings at the Office every Wednesday evening. Gifts of trimmings and buttons and lace, as well as materials, will be very welcome. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Miles 4s.; Miss Bain 5s.

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington W. Tel., 2116 Western. Hon. Sec.—Miss Evelyn Sharp. A most successful Jumble Sale was held; result will be announced later. Mrs. Rogers and Miss Edwards are to be congratulated on their admirable organisation of this, also their band of workers on their energetic co-operation. Miss Mellor is now helping in the canvass of women householders, which continues to yield encouraging results. Will members and friends kindly remember to obtain invitations for At Home on Wednesday afternoon (see programme). Mrs. Birch and Miss Mallett have very kindly offered to hold drawing-room meetings in November and Mrs. Atherley-Jones one in December. There is still time to

enter for the paper-selling competition, which has just commenced (3 prizes). Miss Gladys Head is gladly welcomed as new member. Gratefully acknowledged: For Jumble Sale parcels—Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Cleaves, Mrs. John Galsworthy, Mrs. Ernest Howard, Miss Kraft, Mrs. Lowy, Mrs. Maund, Miss McLellan, Miss E. Postlethwaite, Mrs. Sidney, Mrs. C. Gordon Sloane, Miss Sharp, Miss B. Sharp, Mrs. Hartley Withers. For Christmas Fair (Kensington bookstall)—Miss J. E. Green, 10s. 6d.; Miss Davies (books); Mrs. Haselden, 21s.; Mrs. Hunt, 5s. and books; Mrs. Meynell, books; Miss Postlethwaite, 21s. 6d.; Mrs. Spencer-Watson, 21s. 6d.; Mrs. Sauter, 21s. 6d.; Mrs. Tite, 10s.; Miss Tyrell, books.

LEWISHAM.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Christina Campbell, Miss C. Townsend. Office—25, Berlin Road, Catford.

The annual general meeting was held at 28, Berlin Road on October 20. Mrs. Drummond spoke on the work of the movement and greatly encouraged the members. Mrs. Bouvier was presented with a silver-mounted fountain pen from Lewisham W.S.P.U. in recognition of her splendid work as secretary, which position she has felt obliged to resign for private reasons. Thanks to Mrs. McKenzie for her gift of 10s., and to Mrs. Bouvier for home-made jam for sale, also to those who have sent Jumble parcels. A good meeting was held at Catford tram terminus on Sunday evening. Mrs. Leigh chaired and Miss C. Townsend spoke. Promises of the amount of £2 12s. have been received towards rent of new office or club-room. Will other members please help to keep the flag flying in Lewisham?

N.W. LONDON.

Office—215, High Road, Kilburn, Tel. 1183, Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell.

More workers are still needed for Mrs. Zangwill's meeting on November 6 (see programme), and also for the Harlesden meeting of November 23 at which Mrs. Coblen Sanderson and Mr. H. H. Grimwood—the

prospective Labour candidate for this constituency—will speak. Help is also needed in canvassing the clergy, for permission to address mothers' meetings. Jumble Parcels are gratefully acknowledged. The sale will not take place for a few weeks; further parcels will be acceptable. Best thanks for contributions: Mrs. Morris Cohen, 21s.; Mrs. and Miss Higgins, 7s.; Miss Erlane, 10s.; Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 5s.

NORTH ISLINGTON AND HORNSEY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Constance Bryer, 39, Tufnell Park, N. Open-air meetings were held on Friday and Saturday, Miss Bonwick's, at Burgoyne Road, being particularly successful. Please apply to the Secretary for invitations for the meeting at Tollington Park College (by kind permission of the Principal, Mr. Tyler, who has promised to take the chair), on November 8, when Miss Evelyn Sharp will speak. Acknowledged with thanks: The Misses Mann, 10s., as contribution to the Fête.

PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Shop and Office—50, Praed Street, W. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Haverfield. Three mothers' meetings were addressed last week and the interest and understanding displayed by the women were very gratifying. It is hoped all living in these districts will make the large meeting for women only to-day (Friday), as widely known as possible. Members and their friends will kindly remember the Thursday work parties held at Dr. Murrell's from 3 to 6 p.m. every week. Will members please keep all their farthings and hand them over to the organiser. In this way quite a tidy little sum will be collected for the funds.

RADLETT.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. White, Gravels. Will each member do her best both to sell tickets and to secure a good free seat attendance at the public meeting on November 1 (see programme). The hall must be filled, and that will not be unless all members and friends share the work. Mrs. Brailford's subject

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LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

October.	
Friday, 27	4, Clements Inn, W.C. Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo 7.45 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katherine Street Miss Leslie Hall, Miss Hardy 8 p.m.
" "	Ealing, 108, Northcroft Road Jumble Sale 2 to 9 p.m.
" "	Harrow Road, Prince of Wales Mrs. Bouvier. Chair: Miss Rogers 8 p.m.
" "	Islington, 347, Goswell Road Mrs. Drummond 7.30 p.m.
" "	Paddington St. Mary's Infant School (Women only) Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Mrs. Corbett 3 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 37, Drowstead Road Ashley. Chair: Rev. A. L. Lilley 3 to 6 p.m.
" "	Tufnell Park Tube, Boston Work Party 8 p.m.
Saturday, 28	Ealing, 108, Northcroft Road Miss Kelly, Miss H. Gargett 2-9 p.m.
" "	Harlesden, Manor Park Road Jumble Sale 7 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willoughby Road Miss Evelyn Sharp, Mr. Laurence Housman. Chair: Mr. Joseph Clayton 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.
" "	High Barnet, Market Place Miss Baillie Guthrie 8 p.m.
" "	Ilford, Balfour Road Miss Glover 8 p.m.
" "	North Islington, corner of Hornsey and Seven Sisters Roads Miss Barry 8 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Broadway Mr. Guggenheim, Mr. A. W. Gray. Jamrach. Chair: Mrs. Dacre Fox 7 p.m.
" "	Woolwich Poster Parade 3 p.m.
" "	Woolwich, Elmer Road Miss Myers 7.30 p.m.
Sunday, 29	Catford Tram Terminus Miss C. Townsend. Chair: Mrs. Leigh 6.30 p.m.
" "	Clapham Common Mrs. Brailford. Chair: Miss Bell 3 p.m.
" "	Hampstead Heath Miss Wynn. Chair: Mrs. Dilks 11.30 a.m.
" "	Hyde Park Mrs. Wynn. Chair: Mrs. Dilks 3.30 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Common Mrs. Bouvier. Chair: Mrs. Bacon 3 p.m.
Monday, 30	Chelsea, Office Jumble Sale 3 p.m.
" "	London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W. Mrs. Cousins, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., F. W. Patrick Lawrence, Esq. 5.15 p.m.
" "	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings Mrs. Slade 8 p.m.
Tuesday, 31	Nufford Place, Edgware Road Mrs. Fagg 8 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, 9, Victoria Crescent Work Party 2.30 p.m.
" "	Woolwich, Beresford Square Miss Kelly 7.30 p.m.
November.	
Wednesday, 1	Chelsea, 303, King's Road Work Party 2.30 p.m.
" "	Ilford, Manor Park, The Rabbits Committee Meeting 5.30 p.m.
" "	Kensington, 29, Palace Gate, W. Miss Haslam 8 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, 215, High Road At Home, Miss Muriel Thompson, Miss Evelyn Sharp 4 p.m.
" "	Messina Avenue Miss Hicks 3.30 p.m.
" "	Paddington, 50, Praed Street Miss Myers 8 p.m.
" "	Radlett, Parish Hall Mr. Victor Duval 8.15 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 34, Hopton Road Mrs. Brailford. Chair: Dr. Cooper 8 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road H. G. Chancellor, Esq., M.P., Mrs. Kinison. Parks. Chair: Mrs. Lamartine Yates 3 to 6 p.m.
Thursday, 2	Woolwich, Beresford Square Mrs. Drummond 8 p.m.
" "	Purley, Congregational Hall Lady Meyer, Miss I. Green 7.30 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 27, Copely Park Work Party 3 to 6 p.m.
" "	Streatham, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square Mrs. Patrick Lawrence, Miss Douglas Smith 8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, The Grove Mrs. Brailford 8 p.m.
" "	Woolwich, Beresford Square Miss Hicks 7.30 p.m.
Friday, 3	4, Clements Inn, W.C. Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo 7.45 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katherine Street H. Franklin, Esq. 8 p.m.
" "	Ealing, 108, Northcroft Road Miss Richard, Miss Burton 8 p.m.
" "	Harrow Road, Prince of Wales Miss Fock 8 p.m.
" "	New Barnet, Railway Arch Work Party 3 to 6 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 37, Drowstead Road Mrs. Drummond 7.30 p.m.
" "	Wandsworth Road Junction with Lavender Hill, Cedars Road, and Queen's Road, New Guild Hall

Thursday, November 16, Albert Hall meeting, 8 p.m.

(the Insurance Bill) is of immense present interest to all. Gratefully acknowledged for Materials Fund: Mrs. Hain, 10s.; Miss Ralain, 1s.; Mrs. Russell, 10s.; Miss Russell, 10s.; Miss B. Drake, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Tomson, (Harpden) 1s.; Miss Coles, 10s.

STREATHAM.

Shop and Office—3, Shrubbery Road, Streatham.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson.
Picture of the shop, price 2d. each, are on sale, and members should make the most of this excellent method of advertising the existence of the local headquarters. A few very good Albert Hall tickets are still available, but cheaper seats are already sold out. Many thanks to Miss Bertha Brewster for promising a weekly supply of her excellent coffee. As the season for outdoor meetings has been closed, the hon. secretary will be glad to hear from members who can arrange drawing-room meetings during the coming months. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Tyson, 1s.; Miss Nicholls, 1s.

WALTHAMSTOW.

Organiser—Miss E. Grew, 11, Sylvan Road.
Miss Grew met the members at a meeting on October 13. A successful meeting was held on Saturday, October 14, at the foot of Second Avenue, Miss A. Hicks, M.A., being the speaker. The organiser looks to members for their hearty co-operation in the work during the coming months.

WEST HAM.

Hon. Sec.—Miss D. M. Hooper, 116, Windsor Road.
A very interested crowd listened to Miss Fock's address at Stratford, on Thursday, Oct. 19. Members are again reminded that paper-sellers are very much needed at these open-air meetings.

WIMBLEDON.

Shop and Office—3, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon. Tel. 1092, P.O. Wimbledon.
Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Heriot, Surrey.
The Lecture Hall meeting on Wednesday, October 18, proved an unequalled success. Mr. Joseph Clayton kindly took up Mr. Cecil Chapman's subject, as he was prevented from coming at the last moment. The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield also spoke. Next week Mr. H. G. Chancellor, M.P., will give an address on "The Conciliation Bill—how to get it through." Members and friends are reminded that a reduction is made if tickets for reserved seats are taken for the whole course; single lectures are one shilling (front row). Still further contributions are required for Jumble Sale. Will members send in all they can collect, without delay. Sandwich carriers and handbill distributors are wanted for Tuesdays, both morning and afternoon, and should send in their names at once to Miss Lee. Sellers for Saturdays (Station pitch) likewise. The hon. treasurer thanks those members who have sent in their subscriptions which were in arrears; a few are, however, still outstanding, and the prompt payment of these will enable the statement of account to be completed in time for the approaching annual general meeting, which all members and associates are especially urged to attend, as matters of importance will be laid before them. Albert Hall tickets can be obtained by application to the hon. treasurer. Stall workers are reminded that by the generosity of Miss and Mrs. Nuthall, tea is supplied to all who attend the weekly work-parties at the office (see Fair and Fête). A large audience listened to Mrs. Lamartine Yates and Miss Leonora Tyson, on the Common on Sunday, and a good number of Votes for Women were sold. Thanks to Princess Sophia Duleep Singh and Miss Kate Craven for their donations to the funds, and Mrs. Headham and Miss A. Cooke for becoming regular subscribers. Miss C. Hopkins was the speaker in the Broadway on Saturday night; the audience, composed mainly of men, was much interested. Mrs. Huggatt was in the chair.

Home Counties.

BEDFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Smeit, 22, Goldington Avenue.
A drawing-room meeting was held at Mrs. Collis, Kimbolton Road, on Tuesday, Oct. 17, and was well attended; Miss Jessie Kearney presided. The campaign for advertising the Town Hall meeting, on Nov. 17, was well discussed. Members are asked to assist in selling tickets and distributing handbills.

BEKHILL-ON-SEA.

Shop: 29, Station Road.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Holden, 19, Eversley Road.
Members will be glad to know that Miss Bowker is going to organise, and they must do their utmost to assist her and co-operate loyally in advancing the cause during the next few months. Members are reminded that the shop is always available for meeting one another or hearing news of the work. There is also a lending library of books bearing on the Woman's Movement in course of formation.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Office—221, Old Christchurch Road.
Hon. Sec.—Miss N. Blackledge.
Every member is expected to attend to-morrow's meeting and to bring friends. Chalkers for Poole meeting are wanted. Gratefully acknowledged, Miss King, 10s.; Miss Putnam, 6s.
Sat., Oct. 28.—St. Peter's Hall, Mrs. Drummond, 8 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 29.—Poole Quay, Mrs. Drummond, 8 p.m.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—3, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 1083 Nat.
Organiser—Miss G. Allen.
The organiser writes to thank those friends who have generously sent embroidered curtains, lace, etc., for the Christmas Fair stall. Members will be glad to hear that Miss Evelyn Sharp has kindly consented to address the Brighton and Hove Union on Monday, November 6. Arrangements are being made to entertain her at an At Home at the Royal Pavilion, and all members are asked to help. Invitation cards can be had on application to the organiser, or to Miss Turner, 13, Victoria Road. Miss New will address meetings on the front this week.

CANTERBURY AND SOUTH KENT.
Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay, Teyarra, 26, Beauvoir Road West, Folkestone.
The next important event to look forward to is the Folkestone Town Hall meeting on November 8, at which Miss Vida Goldstein and Miss Clemence Housman will speak. Volunteers for stewarding, bill distributing and selling literature at the meeting are needed, but, above all, friends should make a point of selling tickets. The organiser will speak at St. Mildred's Parish Hall, Wincheap, Canterbury, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3 p.m. for the Canterbury and District Association of the N.U.W. The meeting is open to the general public, and all interested are cordially invited.
Mon., Oct. 30.—Canterbury, Garfield, London Road, drawing room meeting, Hostess: Mrs. Falne, 3.15 p.m.

CHORLEY WOOD (HERTS).

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. H. M. Offer, "Home Cot."
The meeting at Chorley Wood Hotel on October 20 was most successful and representative, the speeches of Mrs. Brailsford and Rev. Dr. Cobb being much enjoyed and appreciated. A collection of nearly £2 was taken and the following resolution passed unanimously:—"That this meeting of supporters of Woman Suffrage strongly urges the passing into law during this coming session of Parliament of the Conciliation Bill, and warmly deprecates any alteration or amendment which may be likely to divide its supporters." Gratefully acknowledged to Mrs. Gillis, Chorley Wood Cedars, for her generous donation to Hertfordshire Stall and for her consent to be one of the patronesses.

HARROW.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Tross, 103, Vaughan Road.
A meeting of members and friends was held on Tuesday, October 17, at "Woodstock," 23, Butler Avenue, at which Mrs. Drummond was present. A committee was formed consisting of Mrs. Ross, Drummond and Mrs. Tross, Joint Secretaries; Mrs. de

Mexia, Treasurer; Mrs. Jenkins, Speakers' Secretary; Dr. Drepper, VOTES FOR WOMEN Secretary. New members were added. Winter work commences with indoor meetings, and it is hoped to have an Outdoor Campaign also.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.

Organiser—Miss D. A. Bowker, 36, High Street, Hastings.
The organiser greatly appreciated the warm reception she received from members and friends, and she feels that with their hearty co-operation much useful work may be accomplished this autumn. Arrangements are almost complete for the renting of a shop in Trinity Street. Volunteers for keeping the shop, morning and afternoon, are asked to send in their names to Mrs. Daubeny-Stratford, 28, Warrior Square, St. Leonards. Offers of help with selling VOTES FOR WOMEN on Friday and Saturday in Robertson Street are urgently needed, and should be sent to Miss Tristram, 36, Eversfield Place, St. Leonards. Members and friends are canvassing women householders in St. Leonards before the Municipal Elections. Those who can give any time to this work are asked to communicate with the organiser. Contests are probable in the following wards, and members living in the same are asked to approach the candidates to ascertain whether they would support a resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill.

HITCHIN, LETCHWORTH, & DISTRICT.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Goodlife, Elm Tree House, Letchworth; Mrs. E. B. Impy, 2, Whinbush Road, Hitchin.

Postponement of Whist Drive gives members longer time in which to advertise it and sell tickets. Will all put great effort into this. Tickets from any of committee, 1s. 6d. single, 2s. 6d. double. Evening work parties are arranged for those unable to spare time in the afternoon, first to be held on Friday (see below). Everybody who will sell gladly welcomed. Chalkers to advertise Miss Crocker's meeting are required.
Fri., Oct. 27.—Elm Tree House, Letchworth Lane, Work Party, Mrs. Goodlife, 7.30 to 10 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 28.—Station Place (weather permitting), Miss Crocker, Mrs. Kidd, 7.30 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 31.—"Holme-lands," Icknield Way, Work Party, 3 to 7 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 1.—Leys High School, Whist Drive and Social, 7.30 to 11 p.m.

OXFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Graham, 27, Norham Road.
Mr. Laurence Housman will speak for the M.P.U. on Monday next (see below). Dr. Carpenter will take the chair and all W.S.P.U. members are asked to do all they can to help to make this meeting a success.
Mon., Oct. 30.—Martyrs' Memorial, Miss Daukes of Newbury 7 p.m. only.
Mon., Oct. 30.—Corn Exchange, Mr. L. Housman, 8.15 p.m.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.
Organiser—Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, and 61, Oxford Street, Southampton.
Portsmouth and Southampton members are very grateful to Mrs. Pertwee for addressing meetings here last week. Many thanks to Mrs. Welch, Mrs. May, and Mrs. Gibson for their help in making these drawing-room meetings possible. The Portsmouth Whist Drive was most successful. Tickets, 1s. 6d., for Southampton Whist Drive (see below) are on sale. Friends please write at once saying what you can give to Jumble Sales. A meeting will be held in Victoria Hall, Southampton, on Tuesday, November 14, at 8 p.m. The Countess of Selbome will preside. Speakers: Miss Vida Goldstein and Mr. Pethick Lawrence. Tickets, 2s. (reserved), 1s., and 6d., on sale at Hodges', 61, Oxford Street. It is hoped to hold a bazaar in Southampton, and an entertainment in Portsmouth, about the middle of December in aid of local funds. Gratefully acknowledged—Mrs. Pearce, 1s. 6d.; Portsmouth, 18s.; Southampton, 17s. 9d. (collections at drawing-room meeting); Profit on Portsmouth Whist Drive, £1 14s.
Mon., Oct. 30.—Portsmouth, Town Hall Square, 7.15 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 31.—Southampton, 61, Oxford Street, Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 1.—Southampton, Clock Tower, 7.30 p.m.

READING AND NEWBURY.

Shop and Office—49, Market Place.
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss O. L. Cobb.
Will members and friends who are unable to attend the Sewing Meetings offer to finish off blouses at home after they have been put together by the machine? Many thanks to Mrs. Graham for a large parcel of beautiful blouse lengths. The hon. secretary is willing to secure tickets for the Albert Hall meeting on November 16, if members will kindly tell her as soon as possible how many they will require. It is hoped that Reading will be well represented at this most important meeting. Help is needed for the open-air meetings, street selling, etc., and the shop needs two or three more regular "minders."
Fri., Oct. 27; Tues., Oct. 31; Fri., Nov. 3.—Blouse making.

REDHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cather, The Red Cottage, Cavendish Road.
Members are reminded of the service of intercession on Thursday, November 2. The next members' work meeting will be held in the Carlton Room on Thursday, November 2, at 6 p.m. instead of Wednesday, November 1.
Sat., Oct. 28.—Ladbroke Road, Ernest Duval Esq., 8 p.m.

WEST AND NORTH KENT.
Organiser—Miss Evelyn Billing, 330, Canterbury Road, Gillingham.
Office: The Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells.
Many thanks to those who have helped in various ways, especially Mrs. Abbott, Miss K. Wedgwood, and Miss Walton. Four good open-air meetings have been held. The weekly sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN at the station bookstall alone has risen, since May, from 3 or 4 copies to 30 or 40 copies weekly, partly the result of the poster displayed there, but mainly due to the public interest in the paper awakened by faithful street-sellers. The organiser will pay a flying visit to each of the following places, to call upon members, and hold an open-air meeting: Bromley, Sat., Oct. 28; Sevenoaks, Mon., Oct. 30; Maidstone, Tues., Oct. 31.
Wed., Nov. 1.—Gillingham, 330, Canterbury Road, Members' Meeting, 6.30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 3.—Gillingham, Canterbury Road, 7.30 p.m.

WOKING.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Horace Barrett, Maybury Croft, Heathfield.
An active canvassing campaign has been carried on this week, several new members have been enrolled, and many friends made. A drawing-room meeting is being arranged of which further particulars will appear later. A canvass of the women municipal voters is being undertaken. Will members please offer to help? Donations will be gladly received by the hon. sec.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—97, John Bright Street, Tel. 1453 Midland.
Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hazel.
Volunteers are wanted to sell at the Birmingham Xmas Fair Stall. Paper-sellers are urgently needed, especially for Friday nights and Saturday mornings. Plans are being prepared for making the Town Hall meeting on November 29 widely known. Will members volunteer for speaking at outdoor meetings, for canvassing, chalking and poster parading? The organisers would be glad to see a better attendance at the weekly meetings, especially in the afternoon. Please note that Miss Seymour will speak at 3 p.m., as well as at 8 p.m., on Wednesday next.
Wed., Nov. 1.—Birmingham, Queen's College, Paradise Street, Miss Isabel Seymour, 3 and 8 p.m.

COVENTRY, LEAMINGTON, WARWICK, RUGBY, AND STRATFORD-ON-AVON.
Office—51, Karl Street, Coventry. Organiser—Miss M. H. Marshall.
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Restaurant, Leamington, on Thursday evening. The audience was particularly interested in Mrs. Brailsford's account of her prison experience. Lord Lytton's meeting at Coventry Baths, on November 2, is very near and the organiser is relying on each individual member to make it a success. Chalkers, poster-panders and canvassers are asked to give every available moment to the advertising of this meeting. The organiser heartily thanks Canon and Mrs. Masterman and Mrs. Widdington for the kind hospitality they have offered the speakers.
Thursday, Nov. 2.—Coventry Baths, The Earl of Lytton, Mrs. Nevinsom, Lady Willoughby de Broke, 8 p.m.

DROITWICH.

Organiser—Miss Dorothy Evans, c/o Mrs. Brewster, Hadley, Droitwich.

A vigorous campaign is being carried on in Droitwich and district. Open-air meetings will be held, and a canvass taken of all women Municipal voters. Local members and sympathisers are asked to communicate with the organiser. Volunteers for canvassing, and subscriptions to the funds, are urgently needed. Miss Evans would be glad if any member could hold a drawing-room meeting or Suffrage tea, as these informal meetings are excellent for propaganda.

KETTERING.

Organiser—Miss Miller, 14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.

A campaign has been started here and promises well. Sympathisers are reminded of Miss Pethick's meeting (see below). stewards are needed. Votes for Women can now be bought at the station. Miss Miller would be glad to receive offers of drawing-rooms for afternoon meetings. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will speak at the Victoria Hall about the end of November, and there is much work to be done before then.
Fri., Nov. 3.—Temperance Hall, Miss Pethick, 8 p.m.

KINGSWINFORD.

Organiser—Miss Bertha Ryland, The Cross Hotel, Kingswinford.

A reception will take place at the Cross Hotel on Wednesday, November 8, at 3.30, when the Rev. Claude Hinchelliff will speak on "The Social Aspect of Votes for Women," and the chair will be taken by Miss Dorothy Evans. Miss Peers has kindly consented to send out the invitations, so members are asked to send the names and addresses of friends in Kingswinford, Stourbridge, Dudley, and district to Miss Peers, The Manor House, Kingswinford, and she will see that they are invited. A public meeting will be held in Kingswinford probably towards the end of November.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel. 1715 Leicester. Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.
Meetings arranged for Miss Goldstein and Lord Lytton were a great success, and should do much to convert the public to the support of the Conciliation Bill. In Wellington, owing to the splendid work and influence of Mrs. and Miss Parr, Miss Hughes, and later, Miss Miller, a good meeting took place, and much interest was aroused by Miss Goldstein's most interesting account of Australia. Gratefully acknowledged towards Campaign Fund: Mrs. and Miss Parr £3, Mrs. N. P. Sharnan £1, Mrs. Linnell 10s. 6d., Mrs. Sykes 5s., Mrs. Owen 2s. 6d. Work meetings for the stall in December are being better attended, and the organiser hopes that members who cannot attend are working at home in leisure moments and inducing friends and relatives to give things for sale. Funds for buying material are much needed. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Goodlife 10s., Miss O. Stafford 1s., Miss R. Carryer 6s. and cord for making hammocks, A Friend £1, Miss Newsome gifts of doll, d'oyelles, and a dress; Mrs. Pethick, baby jackets, Mrs. Tyler 5s., Miss Stafford, overalls, etc. A table is badly needed as a loan for upstairs. Can any member lend one?
Fri., Oct. 27.—St. Martin's, G.F.S. Room, Sewing meeting, 3 to 9 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 29.—Market Place, 11 a.m. Meeting at 11 a.m.
Mon., Oct. 30.—Leicester, Trades Hall, Miss V. Hughes, Miss D. Pethick. Chair: Mrs. Donaldson, 8 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 31.—Thrapston, Temperance Hall, Miss D. Pethick. Chair: Miss O. Swain, 8 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 1.—Wellingtonborough, B.W.T. Hall, Miss D. Pethick, Miss J. Crocker.
Thurs., Nov. 2.—Rushden, Miss N. Crocker. Chair: Miss D. Pethick, 8 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 3.—St. Martin's, G.F.S. Room, Sewing meeting, 3 to 9 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—6, Carlton Street, Tel. 311.
Organisers—Miss Roberts and Miss Crocker.
Gratefully acknowledged for Material Fund for Sewing meetings: Mrs. Harrison, 5s.
Tues., Oct. 31.—Wheelergate, Morley's Café, Miss Isabel Seymour. Chair: Miss M. Sallis, 8 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 1.—2, Peveril Drive, Sewing meeting, Mrs. Holgate.

West of England.

BATH.

Shop—12, Walcot St. Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel.
The audience at the weekly meeting at the Assembly Rooms on Saturday were much interested by Mrs. Louis Fagan's and Mrs. Kington Parke's able speeches on Tax Resistance. Lady Stout also made an amusing speech on "Anti" arguments. Many thanks to those who managed the Jumble Sale, and to all who contributed towards it. A sum of £4 15s. was realised. The organiser is working up a women's meeting for Mrs. Brailsford at Yeovil on November 9, and would be glad if anyone could give her names and addresses of sympathisers in the neighbourhood. A members' meeting will be held on Saturday after the general meeting to consider arrangements for Bath Hall.
Fri., Oct. 27.—Saw Close, Mrs. Mansel, 8 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 28.—Assembly Rooms, Miss Margaret Campton, Chair: Mrs. Mansel, 3.30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 3.—Saw Close, Mrs. Mansel, 8 p.m.

BRISTOL.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel. 1915.
Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Dove-Willcox.
More jumbles are needed. Please send old clothes and anything suitable for a Jumble Sale to Mrs. Malcolm Evans, 7, Alexandra Road, Clifton. Members

are asked to kindly note the following:—Poster Parade every Friday at 11 o'clock. Working Parties for Fête and Fair every Monday at 6 p.m. at Mrs. Barrett's, 1, Hanbury Road, Clifton; Friday, 3 p.m., Mrs. Curtis, 37, Canynge Road. The Treasurer wishes to heartily thank all those who have responded so splendidly to her appeal. Miss M. Fussell, 25; Miss A. M. Walters, £1; Miss Locke, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. F. Turner, 3s.; Mrs. Clark, 2s.; Mrs. Woodward, £1; Mrs. Freyer, £1; Mrs. Tuckett, 2s. 6d.; Miss Plattauer, 3s.; Mrs. Owen, 1s.; Mrs. Gee, £1; Mrs. Dove-Willcox (sale of jewellery), 24; Mrs. Trafford, 1s.; Miss F. L. Smith, 2s.; Mrs. Davis Smith, £1; per Mrs. Harris, £1; Mrs. C. Edwards, £1; Miss Hay, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Paul, £1; Miss M. James, 2s.; Miss A. James, 2s.; Mrs. Lehmann, 2s. 2s.; Miss Knox, £1; Mrs. Kent, £1; Mrs. Lewis, £1; Mrs. Rogers, 8s.; Mrs. Walters, £1 4s.; Miss N. Walters, £1; Mrs. Tonge, 1s. 6d.
Mon., Oct. 29.—Victoria Rooms. Miss C. Dugdale, 3.30 p.m.

GIRENCESTER.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Dives, Geadly Hill.
Miss Flatman will be in this district again next week to prepare for the Bingham Hall on November 9, when Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Lord Lytton will speak; helpers, stewards and canvassers are needed. Names and offers of help should be sent in without delay. Mrs. Dives also appeals to members to let her know to what extent they can send her goods for the Christmas Fair and Fête.

FALMOUTH AND PENRYN.

Hon. Organiser, Mrs. F. Corbett, The Bungalow.
Owing to the regrettable illness of Mrs. Dove-Willcox she will not be able to address the meeting this week. Miss Seymour is kindly taking her place. Gratefully thanks to the anonymous donor of "Woman and Labour" by Olive Schreiner, sent for the Suffrage Library "from a member to the new branch."
Fri., Oct. 29.—Falmouth Town Hall, Miss I. Seymour, 8 p.m.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Organiser—Miss Flatman, Oak Villa, Stratford Road, Stroud.
A most successful meeting was held in "Chalford" when Miss Brackenbury and Miss Seymour Keay were the speakers. Mr. Gwynne Evans presided, and the resolution calling upon the member to support the Conciliation Bill was carried with only three dissentients. All gifts of money for the Gloucestershire stall should be sent to Miss Flatman, address as above, help is very badly needed.
Tues., Oct. 31.—Stroud, Holloway Institute, Miss Flatman, 8 p.m.

ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mrs. du Sautoy Newby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue, Ilfracombe.
Hon. Lit. Secretary—Miss Ball, Bursling Home, Larkstone, Ilfracombe.
By the kindness of Miss L. Ball, the work party on Wednesday, November 1, will be at 2, Larkstone Villas (next to the Nursing Home), at 3 p.m.

TORQUAY AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss Hutton, Redlands, Paignton.
Any members who happen to be making a stay in the neighbourhood are welcome at our gatherings.
Wed., Oct. 25.—Paignton, Amphil Lodge, Kimsleigh Road, Work Party.

Wales.

NEWPORT.

Office—11, Stow Hill, Newport. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Humphrey Mackworth.
References to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting will be found elsewhere. The weekly At Home has now commenced, and members and sympathisers are asked to bring at least one unconverted friend each week.
Mon., Oct. 30.—11, Stow Hill, sewing meeting, 3.15 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 1.—Temperance Hall, No. 2 Room, At Home, Miss Fridden, 3.30 p.m.

PONTYPOOL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Arthur Edmunds, Sunny Bank, Pontnewydd.
A short account of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting will be found elsewhere. The Welsh Organiser will remain in the constituency of North Monmouthshire for some time, and intends to hold meetings in all the chief towns and villages. Offers of help in arranging these meetings, and contributions of money towards the cost of the campaign, will be welcomed. Address, Miss Barrett, Sandhurst, Pontypool.

Eastern Counties.

GLACTON-ON-SEA.

Shop—17, Rosemary Road.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Lilley, Holland House.
The Rummage Sale will take place on Tuesday, at 3 o'clock. Will all members who possibly can, kindly offer to help at the sale? Old clothes, books, china, household goods of every description, or contributions towards the tea, will be much appreciated.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Shop—Dial Lane, Ipswich. Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 19, Elliot Street, Ipswich. Shop Sec.—Miss King.
A representative and very interested audience listened intently to Lord Lytton and Mrs. Mansell's instructive and enthusiastic speeches on October 18. Mr. C. K. Norman presided, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Members are now asked to concentrate on the Farm Produce and Flower Stalls for the Christmas Fair. Much work has to be done, and members are reminded that it is individual responsibility only that will make this stall a real success. Promises of contributions either in money or in kind will be welcomed by the organiser immediately, as this will greatly facilitate arrangements.
Yarmouth.—Miss K. Guthrie gratefully acknowledges the following contributions towards materials for Work Party: Mrs. Dossey, 2s. 6d.; Miss A. Brown, 2d. 6s.; Mrs. James Burton, 2s.; Mrs. Chamberlain, 2s.; Mrs. Dix, 2s. 6d.; Miss K. Guthrie, 6s.; Mrs. Leach

10s.; Miss Peace, 5s.; Miss R. Row, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Williams, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Wyllis, 2s. 6d.
 Fri., Oct. 27.—Great Yarmouth, Grammar School House, Work Party, 3 to 5.30 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 31.—Felixstowe, Sorrento, Leopold Road, Work Party, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.
 Wed., Nov. 1.—Ipswich, Shop, business women only, 8 p.m.
 Fri., Nov. 3.—Great Yarmouth, Grammar School House, Work Party, 3 to 5.30 p.m.

MARON.

Organiser—Miss Grace Ros. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Levett, Broad Street, March.
 Those willing to steward at Miss Vida Goldstein's meeting in the Public Hall on Friday, November 10, are asked to send in their names to Mrs. Levett. Members are also asked to do all they can to make this meeting widely known.

North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD.

Office—68, Manningham Lane. Phone 4038.
 Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Beldan, 6, Walmer Villas.
 Hon. Treas.—Mrs. Hardy Bahrens.
 Thanks to Mrs. Craven, Mrs. Greaves and Mrs. Lund for kindly lending their drawing-rooms for meetings last week when Miss Isabel Seymour was the speaker. An interesting meeting was also held by the kind permission of Miss Holdsworth at the Thorncliffe Laundry on Thursday, October 19. Miss Seymour raised much enthusiasm amongst the members and sympathisers in her stirring address given at the shop on Saturday night, October 21. The visit of Miss Brackenbury is being looked forward to by all, and the secretary will be grateful to receive offers of drawing-rooms for afternoon or evening meetings from members and friends.
 Sat., Oct. 28.—68, Manningham Lane, 7.30 p.m.
 Mon., Oct. 30.—68, Manningham Lane. At Home, 4-6 p.m.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD.

Organiser—Miss Annie Williams, 1, Fitzwilliam St. West, Huddersfield.
 On Tuesday evening, the organisers had the pleasure of meeting Halifax members in the Mechanics Institute. Dr. Helena Jones very kindly took the chair. Plans for future meetings were discussed, and the time of the forthcoming meetings was changed from 7.30 to 8 p.m. It has been decided, in order to avoid overlapping, that Halifax and Huddersfield will send articles for invalids and comforts for the sick room to the Putney and Fulham old folk's stall. Every member is, of course, doing her best to induce people to attend Miss Pankhurst's meeting on November 3. Mr. Broadbent, brother of the well-known physician, Sir William Broadbent, has consented to take the chair. Many volunteers will be wanted for stewarding and selling literature at the meeting. Thanks to Mrs. Key for undertaking to distribute handbills at factories. Donations towards advertising the meeting will be gratefully received by the organiser. Will those who can do so arrange drawing-room meetings? The organiser is at home on Monday afternoons, from 2 to 4 p.m.
 Fri., Oct. 27.—Huddersfield, Parochial Hall, Miss Annie Williams, Mrs. Josiah Lockwood, 3.30 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 31.—Halifax, Mechanics' Hall, Miss Annie Williams, 8 p.m.
 Fri., Nov. 3.—Huddersfield Town Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B.; chair, Alderman B. Broadbent, M.A., J.P., 8 p.m.

HARROGATE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Hughes, 46, Otley Road.
 From now on local members will be busy getting ready to contribute their share of the Leeds and Harrogate stall at the Fête. All details may be had from Miss Hughes, who will also gladly receive goods.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips
 (pro tem.), 23, Hawthorn View, Chapeltown, Leeds.
 Mrs. Louis Fagan and Mrs. Kinston Parkes were listened to with very great interest when they explained tax resistance. Many thanks to Mrs. Swales and all the members who so generously provided cakes and helped with the refreshments. There still remain a few days in which to sell tickets for Lord Lytton's meeting. Weekly At Home will be held in the office on Tuesday evenings, beginning on Nov. 7. Miss Williams, the Huddersfield organiser, has very kindly promised to speak on Nov. 14.
 Mon., Oct. 30.—Leeds, 3, Cookridge Street, work party, 7.30 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 31.—Leeds, Philosophical Hall, Park Row, Lord Lytton, Miss Vida Goldstein, 8 p.m.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.
 Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth.
 To-day must be spent in devoting all energies on the meeting to-night. Will stewards and choir be in their places by 6.30? It is hoped that all have their tickets. Monday must not be forgotten; members are asked to bring friends, especially "anti's," to the Barras Bridge Rooms. Stewards and members are concentrating on their monthly meetings, commencing Nov. 16. Dr. Alice Burn has kindly offered to pay for the advertise-

ments until Christmas. The next meeting in South Shields will be on November 3. Will all members attend in full force? All must now concentrate on canvassing the municipal women voters. Books and lists will be ready for distribution in a day or two. The meetings on Wednesday will be resumed on November 8, when discussion is invited.
 Fri., Oct. 27.—Newcastle, Town Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., chair, Sir Francis Blake, Bart., 8 p.m.
 Mon., Oct. 30.—Barras Bridge Rooms, At Home and Bazaar, 2.30-9 p.m. Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 3 and 7.15 p.m. Concert, 5 p.m. "How the Vote was Won," 8 p.m.
 Thurs., Nov. 2.—North Shields, Co-operative Guild, 7.30 p.m.
 Fri., Nov. 3.—South Shields, At Home, Victoria Hall, 8 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Office—28-32, Chapel Walk, Sheffield.
 Hon. Sec.—Miss Coxhill.
 Members are asked to call at the office for tickets for Miss Goldstein's meeting on November 2. All unsold tickets must be returned by November 1. There is most important business to be discussed at Wednesday's meeting, so all are urged to attend. Further information can be had at the office.
 Thurs., Nov. 2.—Cutlers' Hall, Miss Vida Goldstein, Chair: Sir Charles Skelton, 8 p.m.

YORK.

Office—6, New Street, Telephone, 602.
 Organiser—Miss Key Jones.
 Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coultate, 33, Melbourne Street.
 Members, please note, the weekly meeting will take place in future on Fridays. Lady Isabel Margesson will speak to women householders to-day, Friday (see below). Members and sympathisers are invited. Friends, please collect jumbles for the Rummage Sale on November 11. Articles to be sent to the office on Tuesdays or Saturdays. Many thanks to Mrs. Parkin for the kettle and bread-knife for the office teas.
 Fri., Oct. 27.—Assembly Rooms, Women Householders' Meeting, the Lady Isabel Margesson, Chair: Councillor Hopkins, 8 p.m.
 Wed., Nov. 1.—Sewing Meeting.

North-Western Counties.

BIRKENHEAD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Abraham, 3, Kingsmead Road, 8.
 Members are urged to attend the meeting below:
 Fri., Oct. 27.—Conservative Club, Village Road, Oxtow, Miss Vida Goldstein, 8 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—11, Renshaw Street, Tel.: 5761 Royal.
 Organiser—Miss Davies.
 The Choir list for the big demonstration on November 22 will soon be closed; will members wishing to take part send in their names at once. Mr. Branscombe will conduct and will require two rehearsals. Miss Woodcock, Mr. Allerton and Mr. Phipps addressed large meetings in the Ormskirk Market Place, both afternoon and evening, to advertise the public meeting on October 28.

MANCHESTER.

Office—32, King Street, W.
 Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Williamson.
 Miss Annie Kenney will speak to-morrow (Saturday), October 28, in the Onward Building, Deansgate, and "How the Vote was Won" and "An Englishwoman's Home" will be acted by members and friends. Admission by programme, 6d. Please apply for a large number at the office.
 Thurs., Nov. 2.—Office, Miss Williamson, 7.30 p.m.

PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-TH-SEA AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 25, Winckley Square, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hydrant, Lytham.
 Members are reminded of Miss Goldstein's meeting to-morrow (Saturday). Admission free, and collection.
 Sat., Oct. 28.—Lecture Hall, Lancaster Road Congregational Church, Miss Vida Goldstein, Chair: Mr. Holden, 7.30 p.m.

SOUTHPORT.

Office—1, Post Office Avenue, Lord Street.
 Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss G. Duxfield, 13, Ash Street, Southport.
 The second of the fortnightly meetings was held on Wednesday, October 18, and was well attended. The speaker, Miss Patricia Woodcock, gave an interesting address dealing with latest phases of the Conciliation Bill. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, at 7.30 p.m., and Mr. Allen Tracey, hon. secretary of the Liverpool Anti-Sweating League, will speak on "Sweated Industries." It is hoped that members will make a special effort to be present. Refreshments will be served as usual.

WALLASEY.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Mahood, Burscough Bridge, Lancs. Mrs. F. Heathcote, 21, St. Martin's Lane, Liscard.
 Many thanks to Miss Hoy and all members who helped to make the social evening on Monday, October 16, such a great success. The room was beautifully decorated with plants, flowers, and flags, and the refreshments (kindly supplied by members) were all that could be desired. An excellent musical programme was arranged, including violin solos and duets by Miss L. Wilson, Miss G. Hudson, and Master W. Myerscough; pianoforte solos by Miss Dora Muddiman, and Miss K. Lettwich; vocal contributions by Miss D. Kerridge and Mr. F. Heathcote. Mrs. Mahood made a short speech. Progressive games arranged by Miss Lee closed a most enjoyable evening.
 Monday, Oct. 30.—1, Mainwaring Road, Seacombe, Miss Patricia Woodcock, 8 p.m.

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GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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The voters' rolls of the municipal wards are now to be seen in the office, and the organiser hopes members and friends will come at once and choose their wards to canvass. In the Marghill Ward, Miss Ker, a keen Suffragist, is standing for election, and it is proposed to hold a meeting in that ward in the near future. The At Home on Friday was addressed by Miss Lucy Burns. Kindly note it is proposed to hold an evening At Home monthly for those who cannot attend in the afternoon. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss C. Finn, 5s. Fri., Oct. 27.—Stirling, Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Chair: Mrs. Pullar, 3 p.m.; Glasgow, Athenaeum, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Chair: Dr. Marion Gilchrist, 8 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 3.—Charing Cross Hall, At Home, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 3.15 p.m.

CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Phyllis Ayrton, 62, Edith Road, West Kensington. Miss Cynthia Maguire, 19, Carlton Vale, Maida Vale, N.W.

Paper-selling at Liverpool Street and Ludgate Circus has progressed very favourably, but more volunteers are wanted. Thanks to those members who have sent jumble parcels. Miss Maguire will be glad to receive further contributions at above address. Thanks to those who have sent donations for the hire of halls.

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Reports of protests at Mr. Lloyd George's and Mr. Masterman's meetings will be found on page 1. Large crowds mustered round the lorries in the fourth joint demonstration between the M.P.U. and the Women's Tax Resistance League in Hyde Park. Many thanks to Miss Hicks for speaking from the M.P.U. Platform; Mr. Franklin and Mr. Prout also spoke. For next week, see Programme. Many 2s. 6d. Albert Hall box tickets are still for sale, obtainable through a member of the M.P.U. Owing to the withdrawal by the Bradford League of Young Liberals in the Hawkins' case (see last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN), great interest is being shown in the M.P.U. pamphlet—"A Warning to Liberal Stewards"—a summing-up of Mr. Justice Avory's decision, obtainable from the M.P.U. Offices, price one penny.

Oxford Branch.—A large meeting will be held in the Corn Exchange, at 8 p.m., on Monday, October 30 (not as previously announced), when Mr. Laurence Housman will speak, and Dr. J. E. Carpenter has kindly consented to take the chair. There are only three days left, and all members and friends are asked to help now and also on the day itself. Will they communicate at once with the Branch Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. K. Underhill, 15, St. Clements, Oxford?

Treasurer's Note.—As both militant and constitutional campaigns cost money, it is hoped that those members and friends who for some reason or another are unable to participate in the work will subscribe liberally to the funds. One member, who found it impossible to cancel a business engagement to attend Mr. Lloyd George's Holborn Hall meeting, sent a donation towards the expenses on the morning of the event. How many others similarly placed will follow this excellent sign of sympathy?

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The cast of Mr. Laurence Housman's play, "Alice in Wonderland," to be given at the Lyceum Theatre to-day (Friday), is as follows:—
Alice—Miss EYA MOORE
The Mad Hatter—Mr. LAURENCE
The March Hare—Mr. T. N. WEGUELIN
The Dormouse—Mr. LYTTON GREY
Bill (the Lizard)—Mr. W. G. FAY

A delightful addition to the programme on the same occasion will be a turn at the piano by Mr. Tom Clare. A most entertaining afternoon was spent at the members' At Home last Friday, when Miss Irene Burns and Miss Bertha Graham delighted the audience by recounting the manner in which they were first

drawn into the Suffrage movement. Mrs. Saba Raleigh was the hostess. The next At Home will be held in the Grand Hall of the Criterion Restaurant on Friday, November 3, at 5 p.m., when the speakers will be Lady Isabel Marjessop, Mrs. Stanbury, and Earl Russell. Miss Irene Vanburgh will be the hostess and the chair will be taken by Madame Alice Esty.

WOMEN'S TAX RESISTANCE LEAGUE.

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Mrs. Louis Pagan and Mrs. Kingston Parkes addressed meetings at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Leeds, Cheltenham, and Bath, this week. These meetings have all been excellently reported in the local papers, and a great deal of sympathy is expressed for the principles of Tax Resistance. In Cheltenham there was a public meeting in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, October 18, and on the following afternoon Mrs. Swiney, President of the local N.U.W.S.S., very kindly gave a drawing-room meeting at her residence. The tour concluded on Monday afternoon, October 23, with a public meeting in the Free School Hall, Bournemouth, under the auspices of the W.S.P.U. At all these meetings the following resolution was passed:—"That this meeting is of opinion that the action of the Government in deciding to pay Members of Parliament before Enfranchising Women justifies the Women Taxpayers of this country in refusing to pay Imperial Taxes until such time as they are allowed a voice in the selection of the representatives of the people; and calls upon the Government to pass the Conciliation Bill." On Saturday afternoon, November 4, a drawing-room meeting will be given by Mrs. Harvey, of "Brackenhill," Bromley. The Chair will be taken by Mrs. Louis Pagan, and the speakers will be Mrs. Cobden Sanderson and Mr. Laurence Housman. Other drawing-room meetings will shortly be announced. Dr. Bude's goods will be sold for Tax Resistance on Monday afternoon next, at the Auction Rooms of Hawkins & Sons, 28, Lisson Grove, Marylebone Road, at 2 p.m. A procession will be formed afterwards to Marble Arch, where a Protest Meeting will be held. Please come and support.

THE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—The Bishop of Lincoln.

Offices—11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W. A Service of intercession will be held at St. Matthew's, Redhill, on Thursday November 2 at 5.15 p.m. when an address will be given by the Rev. Archdeacon Daniell.

Oct. 27.—Paddington Green, St. Mary's Infant School, for Women only, Rev. A. L. Lilley, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, 3 p.m.
Nov. 2.—Kensington, Queen's Gate Concert Hall, Mrs. Percy Dearmer's Reading of "The Soul of the World," 3 p.m. Music by Mr. Martin Shaw. Tickets, 2s. and 1s., from the officers.

THE WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Bessie Hatton, 55, Berners St., W.

There will be a Public Meeting in the Grand Hall of the Criterion, on Thursday, November 2, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Baillie Reynolds will be in the chair, the Rev. C. Hunsell, Miss Lena Ashwell and Mr. E. Fordham Spence will speak. Miss Auriol Lee will recite "Woman's Plea" by Mrs. Lilian Sauter, who is a sister of Mrs. John Galsworthy.

FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR W.S.

Hon. Organising Secs. (pro tem.)—Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, 4, Cholmeley Park, Highgate, N. Hon. Corresponding Secretary—Miss Hatty Baker, 25, Harrington Villas, Hove.

At the members' meeting it was decided to defer the election of an organising secretary. The hon. organising secretaries invite applications from secretaries of mothers' meetings, men's meetings, debates, or from those willing to help in arranging public meetings.

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President—Mrs. Cecil Chapman.

Office—8, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge, (opposite Tube Station).

The Dorset campaign has now been definitely fixed for November. Offers of help, drawing-room, and village meetings, etc., should be sent as soon as possible to the sec. at the office. Jumble parcels are still needed and should be sent at once to the office. The Xmas Sale has been fixed for Tuesday, December 12, at the office, from 3-6 p.m. Will members please help to make it a success by sending gifts and by making it known among their friends. The Xmas card stall will be a special feature. On October 30, Mrs. O'Mara is kindly giving a drawing-room meeting at Sydenham Hill. The speakers will be Mrs. Cecil Chapman, Mrs. Portwee, and Miss Winifred Mayo has promised to recite. Miss K. Hessel will speak at the office At Home, on Tuesday, October 31, on "The First Universal Race Congress, its relation to the Women's Movement." On November 1, there will be an evening meeting at the Institute, Hythe. Lady Brassey will preside, and the speakers will be Mrs. Cecil Chapman, and Mr. Baillie Weaver.

CYMRIC SUFFRAGE UNION.

President—Mrs. D. A. Thomas.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. M. E. Davies, 57, Racton Road, Fulham, London, S.W.

As Mr. Ellis Griffith is a Welshman and an eminent one, members must let all their compatriots know that he is going to speak at the Albert Hall on November 16. If members will volunteer for bill distributing it will be an effective means of making this known. At an Bisteddfo, to be held at Pontypridd, on November 25, a prize has been given by Miss Thomas, Iddian Council School, Secretary and other members of the Ogmore Vale, C.S.U., for the best rendering of Dr. Ethel Smyth's "March of the Women" by a double quartette.

CATHOLIC W.S. SOCIETY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Kendall, 22, Wilbarforce Road, Finsbury Park, N. Hon. Treasurer—Miss Monica Whately, 79, Harcourt Terrace, The Boltons, S.W.

Funds are urgently needed for Campaign Fund. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss F. Slaughter, 5s.; Miss E. Martyn, 5s.; Miss Digby, 5s.; Mrs. Stanley Carey, 2l.

IRISH WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION.

The Committee met in the cinema at 25, Molesworth Street, Dublin, on Thursday, October 19. Mrs. N. Keatinge presiding. There was a large attendance. Miss Duggan, L.L.B., reported that a Committee of University women who are in favour of Women's Suffrage, to be affiliated to the Irish Women's Suffrage Association, is in process of formation. Mrs. Sanderson gave a graphic account of the proceedings of the National Union of Women Workers at Glasgow, and Mrs. Haslam supplemented it with some experiences of her own at the Women's Lodging House, and day Industrial School, in that city. The Committee arranged to hold an evening meeting, to-day Friday, to consider the provisions of the National Insurance Bill, so far as they affect the interests of women, the discussion to be opened by Lady Doehrell, U.D.C. Miss Duggan, L.L.B., also gave an account of the proposed legislation of all the existing Irish Women's Suffrage Societies, and once more decided that it is present intention.

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The voters' rolls of the municipal wards are now to be seen in the office, and the organiser hopes members and friends will come at once and choose their wards to canvass. In the Marghill Ward, Miss Ker, a keen Suffragist, is standing for election, and it is proposed to hold a meeting in that ward first and foremost. The At Home on Friday were addressed by Miss Lucy Burns. Kindly note it is proposed to hold an evening At Home monthly for those who cannot attend in the afternoon. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss C. Finn, 5s. Fri., Oct. 27.—Stirling, Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Chair: Mrs. Puller, 3 p.m.; Glasgow, Athenaeum, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Chair: Dr. Marion Gilchrist, 8 p.m. Fri., Nov. 3.—Charing Cross Hall, At Home, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 3.15 p.m.

CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Phyllis Ayrton, 20, Edith Road, West Kensington; Miss Cynthia Maguire, 15, Carlton Vale, Maida Vale, N.W.

Paper-selling at Liverpool Street and Ludgate Circus has progressed very favourably, but more volunteers are wanted. Thanks to those members who have sent jumble parcels. Miss Maguire will be glad to receive further contributions at above address. Thanks to those who have sent donations for the hire of halls.

MEN'S POLITICAL UNION

For Women's Enfranchisement.

Office—13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone—City 6573.

Hon. Organising Sec.—Victor D. Duval.

Reports of protests at Mr. Lloyd George's and Mr. Masterman's meetings will be found on page 1. Large crowds mustered round the forries in the fourth joint demonstration between the M.P.U. and the Women's Tax Resistance League in Hyde Park. Many thanks to Miss Hicks for speaking from the M.P.U. Platform; Mr. Franklin and Mr. Prout also spoke. For next week, see Programme. Many 2s. 6d. Albert Hall box tickets are still for sale, obtainable through a member of the M.P.U. Owing to the withdrawal by the Bradford League of Young Liberals in the Hawkins' case (see last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN), great interest is being shown in the M.P.U. pamphlet—"A Warning to Liberal Stewards"—a summing-up of Mr. Justice Avory's decision, obtainable from the M.P.U. Offices, price one penny.

Oxford Branch.—A large meeting will be held in the Corn Exchange, at 8 p.m., on Monday, October 30 (not as previously announced), when Mr. Laurence Housman will speak, and Dr. J. E. Carpenter has kindly consented to take the chair. There are only three days left, and all members and friends are asked to help now and also on the day itself. Will they communicate at once with the Branch Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. K. Underhill, 15, St. Clements, Oxford?

Treasurer's Note.—As both militant and constitutional campaigns cost money, it is hoped that those members and friends who for some reason or another are unable to participate in the work will subscribe liberally to the funds. One member, who found it impossible to cancel a business engagement to attend Mr. Lloyd George's Holborn Hall meeting, sent a donation towards the expenses on the morning of the event. How many others similarly placed will follow this excellent sign of sympathy?

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A most entertaining afternoon was spent at the members' At Home last Friday, when Miss Inez Housman and Miss Bertha Graham delighted their audience by recounting the manner in which they were first

drawn into the Suffrage movement. Mrs. Sabu Raleigh was the hostess. The next At Home will be held in the Grand Hall of the Criterion Restaurant on Friday, November 3, at 3 p.m., when the speakers will be Lady Isabel Margesson, Mrs. Stanbury, and Earl Russell. Miss Irene Vanbrugh will be the hostess and the chair will be taken by Madame Alice Esty.

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Mrs. Louis Fagan and Mrs. Kington Parkes addressed meetings at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Leeds, Cheltenham, and Bath, this week. These meetings have all been excellently reported in the local papers, and a great deal of sympathy is expressed for the principles of Tax Resistance. In Cheltenham there was a public meeting in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, October 18, and on the following afternoon Mrs. Swiney, President of the local N.U.W.S.S., very kindly gave a drawing-room meeting at 2 p.m. The tour concluded on Monday afternoon, October 23, with a public meeting in the Freedom Hall, Bournemouth, under the auspices of the W.S.F.P.U. At all these meetings the following resolution was passed:—"That this meeting is of opinion that the action of the Government in deciding to pay Members of Parliament before Enfranchising Women justifies the Women Taxpayers of this country in refusing to pay Imperial Taxes until such time as they are allowed a voice in the selection of the representatives of the people; and calls upon the Government to pass the Conciliation Bill." On Saturday afternoon, November 4, a drawing-room meeting will be given by Mrs. Harvey, of "Brackenhill," Bromley. The Chair will be taken by Mrs. Louis Fagan, and the speakers will be Mrs. Cobden Sanderson and Mr. Laurence Housman. Other drawing-room meetings will shortly be announced. Dr. Bader's goods will be sold for Tax Resistance on Monday afternoon next, at the Auction Rooms of Hawkins & Sons, 26, Lisson Grove, Marylebone Road, at 2 p.m. A procession will be formed afterwards to the Marble Arch, where a Protest Meeting will be held. Please come and support.

THE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—The Bishop of Lincoln.

Office—11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W. A Service of intercession will be held at St. Matthew's, Redhill, on Thursday November 2 at 5.15 p.m. when an address will be given by the Rev. Archdeacon Daniell.

Oct. 27.—Paddington Green, St. Mary's Infant School, for Women only. Rev. A. L. Lilley, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, 3 p.m.

Nov. 2.—Kensington, Queen's Gate Concert Hall, Mrs. Percy Dearmer's Reading of "The Soul of the World," 3 p.m. Music by Mr. Martin Shaw. Tickets, 2s. and 1s., from the officers.

THE WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Bessie Hutton, 55, Berners St., W.

There will be a Public Meeting in the Grand Hall of the Criterion, on Thursday, November 2, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Baillie Reynolds will be in the chair, the Rev. C. H. Hensell, Miss Lena Ashwell and Mr. E. Fordham Spence will speak—Miss Auriol Lee will recite "Woman's Plea" by Mrs. Lillian Sauter, who is a sister of Mrs. John Galsworthy.

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At the members' meeting it was decided to defer the election of an organising secretary. The hon. organising secretaries invite applications from secretaries of mothers' meetings, men's meetings, debates, or from those willing to help in arranging public meetings.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—Mrs. Cecil Chapman.

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The Dorset campaign has now been definitely fixed for November. Offers of help, drawing-room, and village meetings, etc., should be sent as soon as possible to the sec. at the office. Jumble parcels are still needed and should be sent at once to the office. The Xmas Sale has been fixed for Tuesday, December 12, at the office, from 3-6 p.m. Will members please help to make it a success by sending gifts and by making it known among their friends. The Xmas card stall will be a special feature. On October 30, Mrs. O'Mara is kindly giving a drawing-room meeting at Sydenham Hill. The speakers will be Mrs. Cecil Chapman, Mrs. Pertwee, and Miss Winifred Mayo has promised to recite. Miss K. Hessel will speak at the office At Home, on Tuesday, October 31, on "The First Universal Race Congress, its relation to the Women's Movement." On November 1, there will be an evening meeting at the Institute, Hythe. Lady Brassey will preside, and the speakers will be Mrs. Cecil Chapman, and Mr. Baillie Weaver.

CYMRIC SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

President—Mrs. D. A. Thomas.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. M. E. Davies, 87, Racton Road, Fulham, London, S.W.

As Mr. Ellis Griffith is a Welshman and an eminent one, members must let all their compatriots know that he is going to speak at the Albert Hall on November 16. If members will volunteer for bill distributing it will be an effective means of making this known. At an Eisteddfod to be held at Pontyemmer Rink on November 25, a prize has been given by Miss Thomas, Haldan Council School, Secretary and other members of the Ogmore Vale, C.S.U., for the best rendering of Dr. Ethel Smyth's "March of the Women" by a double quartette.

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IRISH WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION.

The Committee met in the annexe at 25, Molesworth Street, Dublin, on Thursday, October 19. Mrs. N. Keatinge presiding. There was a large attendance. Miss Duggan, M.P., reported that the Committee of University women who are in favour of Women's Suffrage, is affiliated to the Irish Women's Suffrage Association, is in process of formation. Mrs. Saunders gave a graphic account of the proceedings of the National Union of Women Workers at Glasgow, and Mrs. Haslam supplemented it with some experiences of her own at the Women's Lodging House, and day Industrial School, in that city. The Committee arranged to hold an evening meeting, to-day Friday, to consider the provisions of the National Insurance Bill, so far as they affect the interests of women; the discussion to be opened by Lady Dobell, U.D.C. Miss Duggan, M.P., &c. They also again considered the proposed federation of all the existing Irish Women's Suffrage Societies, and once more decided that it is a present imperative duty.

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